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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SAN JOSE DIVISION

BAY AREA SURGICAL GROUP, INC.: KNOWLES SURGERY CENTER, LLC; NATIONAL
AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER,
LLC; LOS ALTOS SURGERY
CENTER, LP; FOREST AMBULATORY
SURGICAL ASSOCIATES, LP; SOAR SURGERY CENTER, LLC,

Plaintiffs.

VS.

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY; LOCKHEED MARTIN CORPORATION, a Maryland corporation; LOCKHEED MARTIN HEALTHWORKS PLAN; LOCKHEED MARTIN CORPORATION FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PLAN; ADOBE SYSTEMS INCORPORATED, a Delaware corporation; ADOBE SYSTEMS INCORPORATED GROUP WELFARE PLAN; COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION, a Washington corporation; COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PLAN PROGRAM; APPLIED MATERIALS, INC., a Delaware corporation; APPLIED MATERIALS, INC., WELFARE PLAN:

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COMPLAINT

- 1. RECOVERY OF BENEFITS UNDER 29 U.S.C. § 1132(a)(1)(B) 2. BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY UNDER 29 U.S.C. § 1132(a)(2)
- 3. PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS AND PENALTIES UNDER 29 U.S.C. §§ 1024(b), 1133(2), and 1132(c)(1) 4. UNFAIR BUSINESS ACTS AND
- PRACTICES § 17200

Trial Date:

None Set



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1	BROADCOM CORPORATION, a California corporation; BROADCOM
2	CORPORATION WELFARE PLAN;
3	VMWARE, INC., a Delaware corporation; VMWARE, INC.
4	FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT PLAN; VMWARE GROUP HEALTH
5	PLAN; YAHOO! INC., a Delaware corporation; YAHOO INC. HEALTH
6	AND WELFARE PLAN; XILINX, INC., a Delaware corporation;
7	XILINX INC. HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN; BECTON
8	DICKINSON AND COMPANY, a New Jersey corporation; SAP AMERICA,
9	INC., a Delaware corporation; SAP AMERICA HEALTH & WELFARE
10	PLAN; NATIONAL SEMICONDUCTOR CORPORATION,
11	a Delaware corporation; NATIONAL SEMICONDUCTOR CORPORATION
12	FLEXIBLE LIFE INSURANCE PLAN; NATIONAL SEMICONDUCTOR
13	CORPORATION COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL AND DENTAL PLAN;
14	SALESFORCE.COM, INC., dba DELAWARE SALESFORCE.COM, a
15	Delaware corporation; SALESFORCE.COM HEALTH AND
16	WELFARE PLAN; ERICSSON INC., dba EUS INC., a Delaware corporation;
17	ERICSSON FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PLAN; FACEBOOK, INC., a Delaware
	corporation; FACEBOOK, INC., a Delaware corporation; FACEBOOK, INC. HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN; UNITED PARCEL OF AMERICA,
18	UNITED PARCEL OF AMERICA,
19	INC., a Delaware corporation; UPS FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PLAN;
20	ALTERA CORPORATION, dba DELAWARE ALTERA
21	CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation; ALTERA CORPORATION
22	HEALTH, LIFE AND DISABILITY PLAN; JABIL CIRCUIT, INC., a
23	Delaware corporation; JABIL CIRCUIT, INC. HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN;
24	AVAYA, INC., a Delaware corporation; AVAYA, INC. REPRESENTED
25	EMPLOYEES POST-RETIREMENT HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST; THE
26	AVAYA INC. HEALTH & WELFARE BENEFITS PLAN FOR SALARIED
27	EMPLOYEES; AVAYA INC. MEDICAL EXPENSE PLAN; AVAYA
28	INC. RETIREE MEDICAL EXPENSE

1	PLAN FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES; AVAYA INC. HEALTH & WELFARE
2	BENEFITS PLAN; THE AVAYA INC.
3	HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS PLAN FOR RETIREES; THE AVAYA
4	INC. HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS PLAN FOR SALARIED
5	RETIREES; BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION, a Delaware
	corporation; BANK OF AMERICA
6	GROUP BENEFITS PROGRAM; BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION
7	CORPORATE BENEFITS COMMITTEE;
8	STMICROELÉCTRONICS, INC., a Delaware corporation;
9	STMICROELECTRONICS, INC. EMPLOYEE WELFARE BENEFITS
10	PLAN; CITIGROUP INC., a Delaware
11	corporation; CITIGROUP FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PLAN; CITIGROUP
12	HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN; CANON U.S.A., INC. a New York corporation;
13	CANON WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN; SYMANTEC CORPORATION, a
14	Delaware corporation; SYMANTEC CORPORATION GROUP WELFARE
	BENEFIT PLAN; SRI
15	INTERNATIONAL, a California corporation; ECHELON
16	CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation; ECHELON EMPLOYEE
17	BENEFIT PLAN; VISHAY INTERTECHNOLOGY, INC., a
18	Delaware corporation; VISHAY INTERTECHNOLOGY, INC.
19	WELFARE PLAN; LIFE
20	TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation; LIFE
21	TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN;
22	TYCO ELECTRONICS CORPORATION, a Pennsylvania
23	corporation; TYCO ELECTRONICS CORPORATION HEALTH AND
24	WELFARE PLAN; ALIGN TECHNOLOGY, INC., dba (Delaware)
	ALIGN TECHNOLOGY, INC., a
25	Delaware corporation; ALIGN TECHNOLOGY, INC. HEALTH AND
26	WELFARE PLAN; INFOSYS LIMITED, an India corporation;
27	INFOSYS LIMITED HEALTH & WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN; FIRST
28	SOLAR. INC a Delaware corporation:

1	FIRST SOLAR, INC. GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN; RENESAS
2	ELECTRONICS AMERICA, INC., a
3	California corporation; RENESAS ELECTRONICS AMERICA INC.
4	BENEFIT PLAN; PLEXUS CORP., a Wisconsin corporation; HEALTH PLAN
5	FOR EMPLOYEES OF PLEXUS CORP; TUTOR PERINI
6	CORPORATION, a Massachusetts corporation; TUTOR PERINI
	CORPORATION HEALTH AND
7	WELFARE PLAN; CEPHEID, a California corporation; CEPHEID
8	CONSOLIDATED WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN; HYATT
9	CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation; HYATT CORPORATION
10	WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN; GLOBAL FOUNDRIES U.S., INC., a Delaware
11	corporation; GLOBALFOUNDRIES U.S., INC. WELFARE BENEFIT
12	PLAN; LIVEOPS, INC., a Delaware
13	corporation; LIVEOPS, INC. HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN; SECURITAS
14	SECURITY SERVICES USA, INC., a Delaware corporation; SECURITAS
15	SECURITY SERVICES USA, INC. WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN;
16	BRIDGE CAPITAL HOLDINGS, a California corporation; BRIDGE BANK,
17	N.A. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN; SANMINA CORPORATION, a
18	Delaware corporation; SANMINA CORPORATION HEALTH AND
19	WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN; HOSPIRA, INC., a Delaware
20	corporation; HOŚPIRA FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PLAN; HOSPIRA HEALTH
21	CARE PLAN; PANASONIC CORPORATION OF NORTH
	AMERICA, a Delaware corporation; PANASONIC GROUP
22	COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL AND
23	DENTAL PLAN; DELL INC., a Delaware corporation; DELL, INC., c/o
24	NICKI HUSCHKA; SONICWALL, INC. HEALTH & WELFARE BENEFIT
25	PLAN; INFINEON TECHNOLOGIES NORTH AMERICA CORP, a Delaware
26	corporation; INFINEON TECHNOLOGIES WELFARE
27	BENEFIT PLAN; COX ENTERPRISES,
28	INC., a Delaware corporation; COX ENTERPRISES, INC. WELFARE

BENEFIT PLAN; CA, INC. a Delaware 1 corporation; CA, INC COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN; SYBASE, INC., a 3 Delaware corporation; SYBASE, INC. GROUP WELFARE PLAN; MANPOWER, INC./CALIFORNIA PENINSULA, a Wisconsin corporation; CHECK POINT SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGIES, INC., a Delaware corporation; CHECK POINT SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGIES INC. 6 WELFARE PLAN; RELIANCE STEEL & ALUMINUM CO., a California corporation; RELIANCE STEEL & ALUMINUM CO., LIFE ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT HEALTH PLAN; TOYS 'R' US-DELAWARE, INC. a 10 Delaware corporation; TOYS 'R' US EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN; 11 ADP TOTALSOURCE, INC., a Florida corporation; ADP TOTALSOURCE, INC. HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN; OMRON MANAGEMENT CENTER OF AMERICA, INC., a Delaware corporation; OMRON MANAGEMENT CENTER OF AMERICA, INC. EMPLOYEE 15 WELFARE PLAN; BMC SOFTWARE, INC. a Delaware corporation; BMC SOFTWARE, INC. HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN; KPMG 17 LLP, a Delaware limited liability 18 partnership; KPMG LLP HEALTH PLANS; TÉSORO CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation; TESORO CORPORATION OMNIBUS GROUP 19 WELFARE BENEFITS PLAN; **20** MARSH & MCLENNAN COMPANIES, INC., a Delaware 21 corporation; MARSH & MCLENNAN COMPANIES, INC. EMPLOYER 22 FUNDED WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN; AMGEN, INC., a Delaware corporation; AMGEN, INC. MASTER BENEFITS 23 PLAN; ARROW ELECTRONICS, INC. a New York corporation; ARROW ELECTRONICS WELFARE BENEFITS PLAN; STANTEC CONSULTING SERVÍCES, INC., a New York corporation; STANTEC HEALTH 26 PLAN: IHS, INC., a California corporation; IHS EMPLOYEE

BENEFIT PLAN: J.C. PENNEY

1	CORPORATION, INC., a Delaware
2	corporation; J.C. PENNÉY CORPORATION, INC. HEALTH &
	WELFARE BENEFITS PLAN; J.C.
3	PENNEY CORPORATION, INC. BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION
4	COMMITTEE; PIONEER NORTH AMERICA, INC., a Delaware
5	corporation: PIONEER NORTH
6	AMERICA, INC. GROUP LIFE, HEALTH DISABILITY PLAN;
7	SUMTOTAL SYSTEMS, INC., a Delaware corporation; SUMTOTAL
-	SYSTEMS GROUP HEALTH &
8	WELFARE PLAN; INTEVAC, INC., a Delaware corporation; INTEVAC LIFE
9	AND WELFARE PLAN; GCA SERVICES GROUP, INC., a Delaware
10	corporation; GCA SÉRVICES GROUP HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN;
11	THE WESTERN UNION COMPANY,
12	dba T.W.U.C., a Delaware corporation; THE WESTERN UNION COMPANY
13	HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN; NDS SURGICAL IMAGING
	LLC., a Delaware limited liability
14	company; NDS SURGICAL IMAGING, LLC WELFARE BENEFITS PLAN;
15	COMPASS GROUP USA, INC., a Delaware corporation; EMPLOYEE
16	BENEFIT PLAN OF THE COMPASS
17	GROUP USA, INC.; BAE SYSTEMS, INC., a Delaware corporation; BAE
18	SYSTEMS FUNDED WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN; TIN INC., a Delaware
	corporation; TEMPLE-INLAND HEALTH & WELFARE BENEFITS
19	WRAP PLAN; FIDELITY NATIONAL
20	FINANCIAL, INC., a Delaware corporation; FIDELITY NATIONAL
21	FINANCIAL, INC. WELFARE PLAN; SOFTWARE AG USA, INC., a
22	Delaware corporation; SOFTWARE AG
23	USA, INC. WELFARE BENEFITS PLAN; BAUSCH & LOMB
24	INCORPORATED, a New York corporation; BAUSCH & LOMB
25	COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL PLAN; AVIDEX INDUSTRIES, L.L.C., a
	Washington limited liability company;
26	AVIDEX INDUSTRIES HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN;
27	INNOVION CORPORATION, a California corporation; INNOVION
28	CORP HEALTH PLAN: PINNACLE

1	BANK, a California corporation; PINNACLE BANK; PARAGON
2	BENEFITS; INVENTIV HEALTH,
3	INC., a Delaware corporation; INVENTIV HEALTH, INC.
4	EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM; URS CORPORATION, a
5	Delaware corporation; URS CORPORATION WELFARE
6	BENEFITS PLAN; HARSCO CORPORATION, a Delaware
7	corporation; HARSCO CORPORATION INSURANCE PLAN; RIGHT
	I MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS.
8	INC., a Pennsylvania corporation; WPP GROUP HOLDINGS CORP., a
9	Delaware corporation; WPP GROUP USA, INC. BENEFITS PLAN;
10	FUSIONSTORM, a Delaware corporation: FUSIONSTORM HEALTH
11	AND WELFARE PLAN; OWENS CORNING, a Delaware corporation;
12	AND WELFARE PLAN; OWENS CORNING, a Delaware corporation; OWENS CORNING HEALTH CARE & BENEFITS PLAN FOR ACTIVE
13	LEMPLOYEES: GRAEBEL
14	COMPANIES, INC., a Delaware corporation; GRAEBEL COMPANIES, INC. HEALTH AND WELFARE
15	PLAN; INTELLECTUAL VENTURES MANAGEMENT, LLC, a Washington
16	limited liability company; INTELLECTUAL VENTURES
17	MANAGEMENT, LLC HEALTH AND
18	MANAGEMENT, LLC HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN; ENCORE INDUSTRIES, INC., a Ohio corporation;
19	ENCORE INDUSTRIES INC. EMPLOYEES WELFARE BENEFIT
20	PLAN; KFORCE, INC., a Florida corporation; KFORCE INC. GROUP
21	INSURANĆE PLAN; SPX CORPORATION, a Delaware
22	Corporation; SPX CORPORATION COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL CARE
	PLAN; ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE SPX CORPORATION;
23	TOLT, LLC, a Delaware Limited
24	Liability Company; TOLT SERVICE GROUP; TOLT TECHNOLOGIES
25	BENEFIT WELFARE PLAN; UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., a
26	Delaware corporation; UBS
27	HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS PLAN; LOUIS DIMARIA, C/O UBS
28	FINANCIAL SERVICES. INC:

1	ALCATEL-LUCENT U.S.A., INC., a
2	Delaware corporation; ALCATEL- LUCENT MEDICAL EXPENSE PLAN
3	FOR MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES; ALCATEL-LUCENT MEDICAL
4	EXPENSE PLAN FOR OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYEES;
5	AMAZON CORPORATE, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company;
6	AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING INSURANCE AGENCY, INC., a New
7	Jersey corporation; AUTÓMATIC DATA PROCESSING, INC. FLEX 2000
	PLAN; BARRACUDA NETWORKS, INC., a Delaware corporation;
8	BARRACUDA NETWORKS, INC.
9	BENEFIT PLAN; BLUE COAT SYSTEMS, INC., a Delaware
10	corporation; BLUE COST SYSTEMS, INC. FLEXIBLE BENEFIT PLAN;
11	BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM FREMONT, INC., a Delaware
12	corporation; BONHAMS & BUTTERFIELDS AUCTIONEERS
13	CORPORATION; BUTTERFIELDS CONSOLIDATED WELFARE PLAN;
14	BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON, a Delaware corporation; BOOZ ALLEN
15	HAMILTON INC. ALL RISK INSURANCE; CADENCE DESIGN
16	SYSTEMS, INC., a Delaware
17	corporation; CADENCE GROUP LIFE, HEALTH AND DISABILITY PLAN;
18	CANON ANELVA CORP, a Japan corporation; CHIPOTLE MEXICAN
19	GRILL, INC. a Delaware corporation; CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL INC.
20	FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PLAN; COACH, INC., a Maryland corporation;
21	COACH, INC. WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN; COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY
22	SOLUTIONS U.S. CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation; COGNIZANT
23	HEALTH & WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN; CORVEL CORPORATION, a
24	Delaware corporation; CORVEL CORPORATION WELFARE
	BENEFITS PLAN; DIAGEO NORTH
25	AMERICA INC., a Connecticut corporation; DURAN & VENEABLES,
26	INC., a California corporation; DYNAMIC DETAILS DESIGN, LLC, a
27	Delaware limited liability company; DYNAMIC DETAILS, INC.,
28	WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN: EMULEX

1	CORPORATION, a California
2	corporation; EMULEX – THE FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PROGRAM
	FOR EMULEX EMPLOYEES;
3	ERICSSON TELEVISION, INC., a Delaware corporation; ERICSSON
4	TELEVISION, INC., EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PACKAGE;
5	GLAXOSMITHKLINĖ, LLC, a
6	Delaware limited liability company; GLAXOSMITHKLINE, HEALTH AND
7	WELFARE BENEFITS PLAN; HGST, INC., a Delaware corporation;
8	HITACHI GLOBAL STORAGE/TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
	WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN;
9	INFOTECH ENTERPRISES AMERICA, INC., a California
10	corporation: INFOTECH
11	ENTERPRISES AMERICA, INC. MEDICAL AND DENTAL PLAN;
12	J. CREW, INC., a Delaware corporation; GROUP INS. PLAN FOR
13	ASSOCIATES OF J. CREW GROUP, INC.; L-3 COMMUNICATIONS
	CORPORATION, a Delaware
14	corporation; L-3 COMMUNICATIONS FUNDED GROUP HEALTH AND
15	WELFARE PLAN; LEHIGH HANSON, INC., a Delaware corporation; LEHIGH
16	HANSON INC. HEALTH & WELFARE PLAN ACTIVE EMPLOYEES;
17	MICROSEMI CORPORATION, a
18	Delaware corporation; MICROSEMI GROUP BENEFITS PLAN; NATUS
19	MEDICAL INCORPORATED, a Delaware corporation; NATUS
	MEDICAL HEALTH AND WELFARE
20	PLAN; NORTHWESTERN POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, a
21	California corporation; OASIS OUTSOURCING HOLDINGS, INC., a
22	Florida corporation; OASIS OUTSOURCING HOLDINGS, INC.
23	EMPLOYEE WELFARE BENEFITS
24	PLAN; OPTICOMP CORPORATION, a California corporation; PAYCHEX,
25	INC., a Delaware corporation; PAYCHEX, INC., EMPLOYEE
	HEALTH BENEFITS PLAN;
26	PVH CORP., a Delaware corporation; PVH CORP. & SUBSIDIARIES
27	HEALTH & WELFARE PLAN; POLE TO WIN AMERICA, INC., a
28	California corporation: SCIENCE

1	APPLICATIONS INTERNATIONAL CORP., a Delaware corporation;
2	SCIENCE APPLICATIONS
3	INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION WELFARE BENEFITS TRUST;
	SEMTECH CORP., a Delaware
4	corporation; SEMTECH CORP GROUP MEDICAL AND DENTAL PLAN; R.
5	MEDICAL AND DENTAL PLAN; R. STEVEN PETERS, INC., a California corporation; TE CONNECTIVITY
6	NETWORKS, INC., a Delaware
7	corporation; TELENAV, INC., a Delaware corporation; TELENAV
	HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN; TRIDENT MICROSYSTEMS, INC., a
8	California corporation; TRIDENT
9	MICROSYSTEMS, INC. HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN:
10	AND WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN; THE KLEINFELDER GROUP, INC., a
11	California corporation; THE KLEINFELDER GROUP, INC.
12	HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN; TOYOTA MOTOR SALES USA, INC.,
	a California corporation; TWEEN
13	BRANDS, INC., a Delaware corporation; TWEEN BRANDS, INC.,
14	COMPREHENSIVE WELFARE BENEFITS PLAN; UNISOURCE
15	WORLDWIDE, INC,, a Delaware
16	corporation; VITESSE SEMICONDUCTOR CORPORATION,
17	a Delaware corporation; VWR INTERNATIONAL, LLC., a Delaware
	limited liability company; VWR
18	INTERNATIONAL, LLC WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN; WPG AMERICAS,
19	INC, a California corporation; WPG AMERICAS HEALTH AND
20	WELFARE PLAN; WYCLIFFE BIBLE
21	TRANSLATORS, INC., a California corporation; WYCLIFFE BIBLE
22	TRANSLATORS, INC. MEDICAL HEALTH PLAN HMO; AL-RAZAQ
	ENTERPRISES GROUP INCORPORATED, a Texas corporation;
23	CORDEVALLE, L.P., a California
24	limited partnership; CORDEVALLE WELFARE BENEFITS PLAN; FIRST
25	AMERICAN FINANCIAL
26	CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation; FIRST AMERICAN
27	FINANCIAL CORPORATION GROUP LIFE, MEDICAL, DENTAL &
	DISABILITY BENEFITS TRUST; K.R. ANDERSON, INC., a California
28	A.K. ANDERSON, INC., a Camonna

rporation; K.R. ANDERSON GROU
ELFARE PLAN; LVI SERVICES,
C., a Delaware corporation; LVI
ERVICES, INC. HEALTH BENEFIT
LAN; PRAXAIR, INC., a Delaware
rporation; PRAXAIR MEDICAL
LAN; SCI MANAGEMENT, LLC, a
innesota limited liability company;
ETTA, INC., dba DELAWARE
ETTA, a Delaware corporation;
JMINEX CORPORATION, a
elaware corporation; HATHAWAY
NWIDDIE CONSTRUCTION
OMPANY, a California corporation;
ATHAWAY DINWIDDIE GROUP
EDICAL AND DENTAL PLAN;
AUDI ARABIAN CULTURAL
ISSION; ROYAL EMBASSY OF
AUDI ARABIA; UNITED STATES
EPARTMENT ÓF DEFENSE, a
vernmental agency; FARMERS SURANCE COMPANY, INC., a
SURANCE CUMPAN I, INC., a
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rough 10, inclusive,

PLAINTIFFS Bay Area Surgical Group, Inc., Knowles Surgery Center, LLC, National Ambulatory Surgery Center, LLC, Los Altos Surgery Center, LP, Forest Ambulatory Surgical Associates, LP, and SOAR Surgery Center, LLC, allege as follows:

I. <u>JURISDICTION AND VENUE</u>

- 1. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, because the action arises under the laws of the United States and pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1332(e)(1), because the action seeks to enforce rights under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA").
- 2. This Court is the proper venue for this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims alleged herein occurred in this Judicial District, and because one or more of the Defendants conducts a substantial amount of business in this Judicial District;

and pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1132(e)(2) because it is the Judicial District where the breach took place, and because one or more of the Defendants conducts a substantial amount of business in this Judicial District.

II. THE PARTIES

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A. **Plaintiffs**

- 3. Plaintiff Bay Area Surgical Group, Inc. is, and at all relevant times was, a California corporation with its principal place of business in Santa Clara, California.
- 4. Knowles Surgery Center, LLC, is, and at all relevant times was, a California limited liability company with its principal place of business in Los Gatos, California.
- 5. National Ambulatory Surgery Center, LLC, is, and at all relevant times was, a California limited liability company with its principal place of business in Los Gatos, California.
- 6. Los Altos Surgery Center, LP, is, and at all relevant times was, a California limited partnership with its principal place of business in Los Altos, California.
- 7. Forest Ambulatory Surgical Associates, LP, is, and at all relevant times was, a California limited partnership with its principal place of business in San Jose, California.
- 8. SOAR Surgery Center, LLC, is, and at all relevant times was, a California limited liability company with its principal place of business in Burlingame, California.

В. Aetna

9. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Aetna Life Insurance Company ("Aetna") is a Connecticut corporation with its principal place of business located in Hartford, Connecticut. Aetna conducts business in the State of California, including in the County of San Jose.

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self-funded ERISA plans which have not specifically designated a plan administrator, Aetna functions as the *de facto* plan administrator, or as the coadministrator because, *inter alia*, it has provided plan documents to participants, received benefit claims, evaluated and processed those claims, interpreted ERISA plan documents, made benefit determinations, made and administered benefit payments, and handled appeals of benefit determinations. Moreover, PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that, even with respect to self-funded ERISA plans which have not specifically designated a plan administrator, Aetna has been specifically been designated as the claims administrator, and has been delegated the responsibilities described above. Specifically, with respect to all of the claims at issue herein, including with respect to self-funded plans which have not been named as defendants in this action, Plaintiffs are informed and believe that Aetna:

- a. drafted and provided plan members with plan documents;
- b. operated a centralized verification and authorization telephone number which handled calls for members of the self-funded plans, including plans that have not been named as defendants in this Complaint;
- c. authorized PLAINTIFFS to provide medical services to beneficiaries of the ERISA plan defendants;

- d. received and processed electronic bills from PLAINTIFFS for claims for members of the self-funded plans, including plans that are not named as defendants in this Complaint;

 e. communicated with PLAINTIFES on behalf of the FRISA plans
 - e. communicated with PLAINTIFFS on behalf of the ERISA plans (and additional self-insured plans that are not named as defendants) regarding authorization of surgical procedures;
 - f. issued remittance advices and EOBs;
 - g. priced claims for the self-insured ERISA plans;
 - h. communicated with PLAINTIFFS with respect to the processing of claims on behalf of the Defendants and self-insured plans;
 - i. processed appeals, and sent appeal response letters; and in certain cases, issued payment.
 - 12. Accordingly, Aetna is a proper ERISA defendant because it "effectively controlled the decision whether to honor or to deny a claim" <u>Cyr</u> v. Reliance Life Ins. Co., 642 F.3d 1202, 1204 (9th Cir. 2011) (en banc).

C. <u>ERISA Plan Defendants</u>

- 13. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Lockheed Martin Corporation is a Maryland corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Bethesda, Maryland. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Lockheed Martin Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendants Lockheed Martin Healthworks Plan and Lockheed Martin Corporation Flexible Benefits Plan.
- 14. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendants Lockheed Martin Healthworks Plan and Lockheed Martin Corporation Flexible Benefits Plan are ERISA plans and proper defendants pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 15. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Adobe Systems Incorporated is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in San Jose, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Adobe Systems

- 16. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Adobe Systems Incorporated Group Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 17. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Costco Wholesale Corporation is a Washington corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Seattle, Washington. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Costco Wholesale Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Costco Wholesale Corporation Employee Benefits Program.
- 18. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Costco Wholesale Corporation Employee Benefits Program is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).

PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Applied Materials, Inc., is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Santa Clara, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Applied Materials, Inc., is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Applied Materials, Inc. Welfare Plan.

- 19. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Applied Materials, Inc. Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 20. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Broadcom Corporation is a California corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Irvine, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Broadcom Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Broadcom Corporation Welfare Plan.
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- 21. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Broadcom Corporation Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant VMware, Inc. is 22. a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Palo Alto, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that VMware, Inc., is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendants VMware, Inc. Flexible Spending Account Plan and VMware Group Health Plan.
- 23. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendants VMware, Inc. Flexible Spending Account Plan and VMware Group Health Plan are ERISA plans and proper defendants pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Yahoo! Inc. is a 24. Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Sunnyvale, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Yahoo! Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Yahoo Inc. Health and Welfare Plan.
- PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Yahoo Inc. 25. Health and Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 26. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Xilinx, Inc., is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in San Jose, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Xilinx, Inc., is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Xilinx, Inc. Health and Welfare Plan.
- 27. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Xilinx, Inc. Health and Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 28. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Becton Dickinson and Company is a New Jersey corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that

Becton Dickinson and Company is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for anERISA plan entitled Group Life and Health Plan.

- 29. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant SAP America, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that SAP America, Inc., is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant SAP America Health & Welfare Plan.
- 30. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant SAP America Health & Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 31. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant National Semiconductor Corporation is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Dallas, Texas. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that National Semiconductor Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendants National Semiconductor Corporation Flexible Life Insurance Plan and National Semiconductor Corporation Comprehensive Medical and Dental Plan.
- 32. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendants National Semiconductor Corporation Flexible Life Insurance Plan and National Semiconductor Corporation Comprehensive Medical and Dental Plan are ERISA plans and proper defendants pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 33. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Salesforce.com, Inc., d/b/a Delaware Salesforce.com, is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in San Francisco, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Salesforce.com, Inc., is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Salesforce.com Health and Welfare Plan.
- 34. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Salesforce.com Health and Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).

- 35. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Ericsson Inc., d/b/a EUS Inc., is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Plano, Texas. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Ericsson Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Ericsson Flexible Benefits Plan.
- 36. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Ericsson Flexible Benefits Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 37. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Facebook, Inc., is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Menlo Park, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Facebook, Inc., is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Facebook, Inc. Health and Welfare Plan.
- 38. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Facebook, Inc. Health and Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 39. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant United Parcel Service of America, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Atlanta, Georgia. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that United Parcel Service of America, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant UPS Flexible Benefits Plan.
- 40. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant UPS Flexible Benefits Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 41. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Altera Corporation, d/b/a Delaware Altera Corporation, is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in San Jose, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Altera Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Altera Corporation Health, Life and Disability Plan.

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- 42. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Altera Corporation Health, Life and Disability Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 43. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Jabil Circuit, Inc., is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in St. Petersburg, Florida. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Jabil Circuit, Inc., is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Jabil Circuit, Inc. Health Benefit Plan.
- 44. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Jabil Circuit, Inc. Health Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 45. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Avaya, Inc., is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Basking Ridge, New Jersey. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Avaya, Inc., is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendants Avaya, Inc. Represented Employees Post-Retirement Health Benefits Trust, the Avaya Inc. Health & Welfare Benefits Plan for Salaried Employees, Avaya Inc. Medical Expense Plan, Avaya Inc. Retiree Medical Expense Plan for Salaried Employees, Avaya Inc. Health & Welfare Benefits Plan, The Avaya Inc. Health and Welfare Benefits Plan for Retirees, and The Avaya Inc. Health and Welfare Benefits Plan for Salaried Retirees.

PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendants Avaya, Inc.

Represented Employees Post-Retirement Health Benefits Trust, the Avaya Inc. Health & Welfare Benefits Plan for Salaried Employees, Avaya Inc. Medical Expense Plan., Avaya Inc. Retiree Medical Expense Plan for Salaried Employees, Avaya Inc. Health & Welfare Benefits Plan, The Avaya Inc. Health and Welfare Benefits Plan for Retirees, and The Avaya Inc. Health and Welfare Benefits Plan for Salaried Retirees are ERISA plans and proper defendants pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).

47. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Bank of
America Corporation, is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters
located in Charlotte, North Carolina. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that
Bank of America Corporation is a plan sponsor for Defendant Bank of America
Group Benefits Program.

- 48. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Bank of America Corporation Corporate Benefits Committee is a plan administrator for Defendant Bank of America Group Benefits Program.
- 49. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Bank of America Group Benefits Program is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 50. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant STMicroelectronics, Inc., is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Coppell, Texas. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that STMicroelectronics, Inc., is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant STMicroelectronics, Inc. Employee Welfare Benefits Plan.
- 51. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant STMicroelectronics, Inc. Employee Welfare Benefits Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 52. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Citigroup Inc., is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in New York, New York. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Citigroup Inc. is a plan sponsor for Defendants Citigroup Flexible Benefits Plan and Citigroup Health Benefit Plan.
- 53. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Plans
 Administration Committee Citigroup Inc. is a plan administrator for Defendants
 Associates Medical, Dental, Vision Plan and Citigroup Flexible Benefits Plan.

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- 54. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendants Citigroup Flexible Benefits Plan and Citigroup Health Benefit Plan are ERISA plans and proper defendants pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 55. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Canon U.S.A., Inc., is a New York corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Lake Success, New York. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Canon U.S.A., Inc., is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Canon Welfare Benefit Plan.
- 56. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Canon Welfare Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 57. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Symantec Corporation is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Mountain View, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Symantec Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Symantec Corporation Group Welfare Benefit Plan.
- 58. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Symantec Corporation Group Welfare Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 59. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant SRI International is a California corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Menlo Park, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that SRI International is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for an ERISA plan entitled Group Health & Welfare Benefit Plan.
- 60. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Echelon Corporation is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in San Jose, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Echelon Corporation

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is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Echelon Employee Benefit Plan.

- 61. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Echelon Employee Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 62. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Vishay Intertechnology, Inc., is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Malvern, Pennsylvania. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Vishay Intertechnology, Inc., is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Vishay Intertechnology, Inc. Welfare Plan.
- 63. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Vishay Intertechnology, Inc. Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 64. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Life Technologies Corporation is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Carlsbad, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Life Technologies Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Life Technologies Corporation Health and Welfare Plan.
- 65. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Life Technologies Corporation Health and Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 66. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Tyco Electronics Corporation is a Pennsylvania corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Berwyn, Pennsylvania. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Tyco Electronics Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Tyco Electronics Corporation Health and Welfare Benefits Plan.

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- 67. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Tyco Electronics Corporation Health and Welfare Benefits Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 68. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Align Technology, Inc., d/b/a (Delaware) Align Technology, Inc., is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in San Jose, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Align Technology, Inc., is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Align Technology, Inc. Health and Welfare Plan.
- 69. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Align Technology, Inc. Health and Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 70. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Infosys Limited is an India corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Newark, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Infosys Limited is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Infosys Limited Health & Welfare Benefit Plan.
- 71. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Infosys Limited Health & Welfare Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant First Solar, Inc., is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Tempe, Arizona. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that First Solar, Inc., is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant First Solar, Inc. Group Health Insurance Plan.
- 73. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant First Solar, Inc. Group Health Insurance Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).

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- 74. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Renesas Electronics America Inc. is a California corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Santa Clara, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Renesas Electronics America Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Renesas Electronics America Inc. Benefit Plan.
- 75. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Renesas Electronics America Inc. Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Plexus Corp. is 76. a Wisconsin corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Neenah, Wisconsin. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Plexus Corp. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Health Plan for Employees of Plexus Corp.
- 77. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Health Plan for Employees of Plexus Corp is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Tutor Perini Corporation is a Massachusetts corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Sylmar, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Tutor Perini Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Tutor Perini Corporation Health and Welfare Plan.
- PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Tutor Perini Corporation Health and Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 80. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Cepheid is a California corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Sunnyvale, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Cepheid is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Cepheid Consolidated Welfare Benefit Plan.

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- 81. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Cepheid Consolidated Welfare Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 82. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Hyatt Corporation is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Chicago, Illinois. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Hyatt Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Hyatt Corporation Welfare Benefit Plan.
- 83. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Hyatt Corporation Welfare Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant 84. GLOBALFOUNDRIES U.S. Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Milpitas, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that GLOBALFOUNDRIES U.S. Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant GLOBALFOUNDRIES U.S. Inc. Welfare Benefit Plan.
- 85. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant GLOBALFOUNDRIES U.S. Inc. Welfare Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 86. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant LiveOps, Inc., is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Redwood City, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that LiveOps, Inc., is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant LiveOps, Inc. Health and Welfare Plan.
- 87. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that LiveOps, Inc. Health and Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).

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headquar	ters located in Westlake Village, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed
and believ	ve that Securitas Security Services USA, Inc., is a plan sponsor and plan
administr	ator for Defendant Securitas Security Services USA, Inc. Welfare Benefit
Plan.	

- 89. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Securitas Security Services USA, Inc. Welfare Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 90. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Bridge Capital Holdings is a California corporation with its corporate headquarters located in San Jose, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Bridge Capital Holdings is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Bridge Bank, N.A. Employee Benefit Plan.
- PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Bridge Bank, N.A. Employee Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 92. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Sanmina Corporation is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in San Jose, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Sanmina Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Sanmina Corporation Health and Welfare Benefit Plan.
- 93. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Sanmina Corporation Health and Welfare Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 94. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Hospira, Inc., is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Lake Forest, Illinois. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Hospira, Inc., is a plan sponsor

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and plan administrator for Defendants Hospira Flexible Benefits Plan and Hospira Health Care Plan.

- 95. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendants Hospira Flexible Benefits Plan and Hospira Health Care Plan are ERISA plans and proper defendants pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 96. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Panasonic Corporation of North America is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Newark, New Jersey. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Panasonic Corporation of North America is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Panasonic Group Comprehensive Medical and Dental Plan.
- 97. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Panasonic Group Comprehensive Medical and Dental Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 98. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Dell Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Round Rock, Texas. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Dell Inc. is a plan sponsor for Defendant SonicWALL, Inc. Health & Welfare Benefit Plan.
- 99. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Dell Inc. c/o Nicki Huschka is a plan administrator for Defendant SonicWall, Inc. Health & Welfare Benefit Plan.
- 100. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant SonicWALL, Inc. Health & Welfare Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Infineon Technologies North America Corp. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Milpitas, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe

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that Infineon Technologies North America Corp. is a plan sponsor ar	ıd plan
administrator for Defendant Infineon Technologies Welfare Benefit	Plan.

- PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Infineon Technologies Welfare Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 103. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Cox Enterprises, Inc., is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Atlanta, Georgia. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Cox Enterprises, Inc., is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Cox Enterprises, Inc. Welfare Benefit Plan.
- 104. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Cox Enterprises, Inc. Welfare Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 105. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant CA, Inc., is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Albany, New York. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that CA, Inc., is a plan sponsor for Defendant CA, Inc. Comprehensive Health and Welfare Plan.
- 106. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that CA, Inc., is a plan administrator for Defendant CA, Inc. Comprehensive Health and Welfare Plan.
- PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant CA, Inc. Comprehensive Health and Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 108. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Sybase, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Dublin, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Sybase, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Sybase, Inc. Group Welfare Plan.
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109. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Sybase, Inc
Group Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERIS
§ 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).

- 110. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Manpower, Inc./California Peninsula is a Wisconsin corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Manpower, Inc./California Peninsula is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for an ERISA plan entitled Group Benefit Plans.
- 111. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Check Point Software Technologies Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in San Carlos, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Check Point Software Technologies Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Check Point Software Technologies Inc. Welfare Plan.
- 112. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Check Point Software Technologies Inc. Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 113. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co. is a California corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Los Angeles, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co. Life, Accidental Death & Dismemberment Health Plan.
- 114. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co. Life, Accidental Death & Dismemberment Health Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Toys 'R' Us-Delaware, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in

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Wayne, New Jersey. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Toys 'R' Us-Delaware, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Toys 'R' Us Employee Benefit Plan.

- 116. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Toys 'R' Us Employee Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 117. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant ADP TotalSource, Inc. is a Florida corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Miami, Florida. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that ADP TotalSource, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant ADP TotalSource, Inc. Health and Welfare Plan.
- 118. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant ADP TotalSource, Inc. Health and Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 119. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant ADP TotalSource, Inc. Health and Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 120. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Omron Management Center of America, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Schaumburg, Illinois. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Omron Management Center of America, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Omron Management Center of America Inc. Employee Welfare Plan.
- 121. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Omron Management Center of America Inc. Employee Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant BMC Software. Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Houston,

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Texas. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that BMC Software, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant BMC Software, Inc. Health and Welfare Benefit Plan.

- 123. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant BMC Software, Inc. Health and Welfare Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 124. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant KPMG LLP is a Delaware limited liability partnership with its corporate headquarters located in Amsterdam, North Holland. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that KPMG LLP is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant KPMG LLP Health Plans.
- 125. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant KPMG LLP Health Plans is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 126. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Tesoro Corporation is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in San Antonio, Texas. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Tesoro Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Tesoro Corporation Omnibus Group Welfare Benefits Plan.
- 127. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Tesoro Corporation Omnibus Group Welfare Benefits Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 128. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in New York, New York. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. Employer Funded Welfare Benefit Plan.

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- 129. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. Employer Funded Welfare Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 130. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Amgen Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Newbury Park, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Amgen Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Amgen Inc. Master Benefits Plan.
- 131. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Amgen Inc. Master Benefits Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 132. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Arrow Electronics Inc. is a New York corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Melville, New York. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Arrow Electronics Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Arrow Electronics Welfare Benefits Plan.
- 133. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Arrow Electronics Welfare Benefits Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 134. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Stantec Consulting Services Inc. is a New York corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Stantec Consulting Services Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Stantec Health Plan.
- 135. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Stantec Health Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 136. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant IHS, Inc. is a California corporation with its corporate headquarters located in La Mirada,

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California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that IHS, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant IHS Employee Benefit Plan.

- 137. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant IHS Employee Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 138. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant J. C. Penney Corporation, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Plano, Texas. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that J. C. Penney Corporation, Inc. is a plan sponsor for Defendant J. C. Penney Corporation, Inc. Health & Welfare Benefits Plan.
- 139. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant J. C. Penney Corporation, Inc. Benefits Administration Committee is a plan administrator for Defendant J. C. Penney Corporation, Inc. Health & Welfare Benefits Plan.
- 140. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant J. C. Penney Corporation, Inc. Health & Welfare Benefits Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 141. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Pioneer North America, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Long Beach, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Pioneer North America, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Pioneer North America, Inc. Group Life, Health Disability Plan.
- 142. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Pioneer North America, Inc. Group Life, Health Disability Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 143. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant SumTotal Systems, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Gainesville, Florida. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that SumTotal

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Systems, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant SumTotal Systems Group Health & Welfare Plan.

- 144. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant SumTotal Systems Group Health & Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 145. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Intevac, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Santa Clara, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Intevac, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Intevac Life and Welfare Plan.
- 146. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Intevac Life and Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 147. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant GCA Services Group, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Cleveland, Ohio. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that GCA Services Group, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant GCA Services Group Health and Welfare Plan.
- 148. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant GCA Services Group Health and Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 149. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant The Western Union Company, d/b/a T.W.U.C. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Englewood, Colorado. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that The Western Union Company is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant The Western Union Company Health and Welfare Benefit Plan.
- 150. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant The Western Union Company Health and Welfare Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).

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151. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant NDS Surgical
Imaging, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company with its corporate
headquarters located in San Jose, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and
believe that NDS Surgical Imaging, LLC is a plan sponsor and plan administrator
for Defendant NDS Surgical Imaging, LLC Welfare Benefits Plan.

- 152. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant NDS Surgical Imaging, LLC Welfare Benefits Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 153. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Compass Group USA, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Charlotte, North Carolina. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Compass Group USA, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Employee Benefit Plan of the Compass Group USA, Inc.
- 154. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Employee Benefit Plan of the Compass Group USA, Inc. is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 155. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant BAE Systems, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Herndon, Virginia. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that BAE Systems, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant BAE Systems Funded Welfare Benefit Plan.
- 156. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant BAE Systems Funded Welfare Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 157. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant TIN Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Dallas, Texas. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that TIN Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Temple-Inland Health & Welfare Benefits Wrap Plan.

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158. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Temple-Inland
Health & Welfare Benefits Wrap Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant
pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).

- 159. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Fidelity National Financial, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Santa Ana, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Fidelity National Financial, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Fidelity National Financial, Inc. Welfare Plan.
- 160. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Fidelity National Financial, Inc. Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Software AG USA, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Reston, Virginia. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Software AG USA, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Software AG USA, Inc. Welfare Benefits Plan.
- 162. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Software AG USA, Inc. Welfare Benefits Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 163. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Bausch & Lomb Incorporated is a New York corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Rochester, New York. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Bausch & Lomb Incorporated is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Bausch & Lomb Comprehensive Medical Plan.
- 164. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Bausch & Lomb Comprehensive Medical Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).

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165. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Avidex
Industries, L.L.C. is a Washington limited liability company with its corporate
headquarters located in Bellevue, Washington. PLAINTIFFS are informed and
believe that Avidex Industries, L.L.C. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for
Defendant Avidex Industries Health and Welfare Benefit Plan.

- 166. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Avidex Industries Health and Welfare Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 167. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Innovion Corporation is a California corporation with its corporate headquarters located in San Jose, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Innovion Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Innovion Corp Health Plan.
- PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Innovion Corp Health Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 169. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Pinnacle Bank is a California corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Morgan Hill, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Pinnacle Bank is a plan sponsor for Defendant Pinnacle Bank.
- 170. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Paragon Benefits is a plan administrator for Defendant Pinnacle Bank.
- 171. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Pinnacle Bank is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Inventiv Health, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Burlington, Massachusetts. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Inventiv Health, Inc. is

pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).

174. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant URS
Corporation is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in San
Francisco, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that URS
Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant URS
Corporation Welfare Benefits Plan.

a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Inventiv Health, Inc. Employee

- 175. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant URS Corporation Welfare Benefits Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 176. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Harsco Corporation is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Harsco Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Harsco Corporation Insurance Plan.
- 177. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Harsco Corporation Insurance Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 178. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Right Management Consultants, Inc. is a Pennsylvania corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Right Management Consultants, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for an ERISA plan entitled Group Health Benefits Program.
- 179. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant WPP Group Holdings Corp. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in

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New York, New York. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that WPP Group
Holdings Corp. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant WPP Group
USA Inc. Benefits Plan.

- 180. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant WPP Group USA Inc. Benefits Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 181. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant FusionStorm is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Franklin, Massachusetts. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that FusionStorm is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant FusionStorm Health and Welfare Plan.
- PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant FusionStorm Health and Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 183. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Owens Corning is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Toledo, Ohio. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Owens Corning is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Owens Corning Health Care & Benefits Plan for Active Employees.
- 184. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Owens Corning Health Care & Benefits Plan for Active Employees is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 185. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Graebel Companies, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Aurora, Colorado. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Graebel Companies, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Graebel Companies, Inc. Health and Welfare Plan.

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186. PLA	AINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Graebel
Companies, Inc.	Health and Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant
pursuant to ERIS	SA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).

- 187. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Intellectual Ventures Management, LLC is a Washington limited liability company with its corporate headquarters located in Bellevue, Washington. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Intellectual Ventures Management, LLC is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Intellectual Ventures Management, LLC Health and Welfare Plan.
- 188. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Intellectual Ventures Management, LLC Health and Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 189. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Encore Industries, Inc. is an Ohio corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Sandusky, Ohio. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Encore Industries, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Encore Industries Inc. Employees Welfare Benefit Plan.
- 190. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Encore Industries Inc. Employees Welfare Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 191. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Kforce Inc. is a Florida corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Tampa, Florida. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Kforce Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Kforce Inc. Group Insurance Plan.
- 192. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Kforce Inc. Group Insurance Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).

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193. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Alcatel-Lucent USA, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Alpharetta, Georgia. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Alcatel-Lucent USA, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Alcatel-Lucent Medical Expense Plan for Management Employees and for Defendant Alcatel-Lucent Medical Expense Plan for Occupational Employees.

- 194. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Alcatel-Lucent Medical Expense Plan for Management Employees is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 195. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Alcatel-Lucent Medical Expense Plan for Occupational Employees is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 196. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Amazon Corporate LLC is a Delaware limited liability company with its corporate headquarters located in Seattle, Washington. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Amazon Corporate LLC is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for an ERISA plan entitled Group Health & Welfare Plan.
- 197. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Automatic Data Processing Insurance Agency Inc. is a New Jersey corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Roseland, New Jersey. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Automatic Data Processing Insurance Agency Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Automatic Data Processing, Inc. Flex 2000 Plan.
- 198. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Automatic Data Processing, Inc. Flex 2000 Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 199. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Barracuda Networks, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Campbell, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Barracuda

- 200. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Barracuda Networks, Inc. Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 201. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Blue Coat Systems, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Sunnyvale, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Blue Coat Systems, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Blue Coat Systems, Inc. Flexible Benefit Plan.
- 202. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Blue Coat Systems, Inc. Flexible Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 203. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Boehringer Ingelheim Fremont, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Ridgefield, Connecticut. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Boehringer Ingelheim Fremont, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator a self-funded ERISA plan, and is a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d). The Complaint will be amended to allege this ERISA plan's true name and character when it has been ascertained.
- 204. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Bonhams & Butterfields Auctioneers Corporation is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in San Francisco, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Bonhams & Butterfields Auctioneers Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Butterfields Consolidated Welfare Plan.
- 205. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Butterfields Consolidated Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).

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206. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Booz Allen
Hamilton Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in
McLean, Virginia. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Booz Allen
Hamilton Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Booz Allen
Hamilton Inc. All Risk Insurance.

- PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Booz Allen Hamilton Inc. All Risk Insurance is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 208. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Cadence Design Systems, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in San Jose, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Cadence Design Systems, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Cadence Group Life, Health and Disability Plan.
- 209. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Cadence Group Life, Health and Disability Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 210. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Canon ANELVA Corporation is a Japan corporation with its corporate headquarters located in San Jose, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Canon ANELVA Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator a self-funded ERISA plan, and is a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d). The Complaint will be amended to allege this ERISA plan's true name and character when it has been ascertained.
- 211. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Denver, Colorado. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc. Flexible Benefits Plan.

- 212. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc. Flexible Benefits Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 213. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Coach, Inc. is a Maryland corporation with its corporate headquarters located in New York, New York. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Coach, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Coach, Inc. Welfare Benefit Plan.
- 214. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Coach, Inc. Welfare Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 215. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Cognizant Technology Solutions U.S. Corporation is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in College Station, Texas. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Cognizant Technology Solutions U.S. Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Cognizant Health & Welfare Benefit Plan.
- 216. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Cognizant Health & Welfare Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 217. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant CorVel Corporation is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Irvine, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that CorVel Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant CorVel Corporation Welfare Benefits Plan.
- 218. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant CorVel Corporation Welfare Benefits Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 219. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Diageo North America, Inc. is a Connecticut corporation with its corporate headquarters located in

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Norwalk, Connecticut. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Diageo North
America, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for an ERISA plan entitled
Medical Care and Life Insurance Plan for Salaried and Retired.

- 220. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Duran & Venables, Inc. is a California corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Milpitas, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Duran & Venables, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator a self-funded ERISA plan, and is a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d). The Complaint will be amended to allege this ERISA plan's true name and character when it has been ascertained.
- 221. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Dynamic Details Design, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company with its corporate headquarters located in Anaheim, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Dynamic Details Design, LLC is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Dynamic Details, Inc. Welfare Benefit Plan.
- 222. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Dynamic Details, Inc. Welfare Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 223. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Emulex Corporation is a California corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Costa Mesa, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Emulex Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Emuflex—The Flexible Benefits Program for Emulex Employees.
- 224. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Emuflex—The Flexible Benefits Program for Emulex Employees is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Ericsson Television Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in

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Plano, Texas. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Ericsson Television Inc.
is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Ericsson Television Inc.
Employee Benefit Package.

- 226. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Ericsson Television Inc. Employee Benefit Package is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 227. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant GlaxoSmithKline LLC is a Delaware limited liability company with its corporate headquarters located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that GlaxoSmithKline LLC is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant GlaxoSmithKline Health and Welfare Benefits Plan for US Employees.
- 228. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant GlaxoSmithKline Health and Welfare Benefits Plan for US Employees is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 229. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that HGST, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Irvine, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that HGST, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Hitachi Global Storage Technologies, Inc. Welfare Benefit Plan.
- 230. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Hitachi Global Storage Technologies, Inc. Welfare Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 231. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Infotech Enterprises America, Inc. is a California corporation with its corporate headquarters located in East Hartford, Connecticut. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Infotech Enterprises America, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Infotech Enterprises America, Inc. Medical and Dental Plan.

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- 232. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Infotech Enterprises America, Inc. Medical and Dental Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 233. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant J. Crew Group, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Albany, New York. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that J. Crew Group, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Group Ins. Plan for Associates of J. Crew Group, Inc.
- 234. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Group Ins. Plan for Associates of J. Crew Group, Inc. is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 235. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant L-3 Communications Corporation is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in New York, New York. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that L-3 Communications Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant L-3 Communications Funded Group Health and Welfare Plan.
- 236. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant L-3 Communications Funded Group Health and Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 237. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Lehigh Hanson, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Irving, Texas. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Lehigh Hanson, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Lehigh Hanson Inc. Health & Welfare Plan Active Employees.
- 238. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Lehigh Hanson Inc. Health & Welfare Plan Active Employees is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).

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239. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Microsemi
Corporation is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in
Aliso Viejo, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Microsemi
Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Microsemi
Group Benefits Plan.

- PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Microsemi Group Benefits Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 241. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Natus Medical Incorporated is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in San Carlos, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Natus Medical Incorporated is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Natus Medical Health and Welfare Plan.
- 242. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Natus Medical Health and Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 243. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Northwestern Polytechnic University is a California corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Fremont, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Northwestern Polytechnic University is a plan sponsor and plan administrator a self-funded ERISA plan, and is a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d). The Complaint will be amended to allege this ERISA plan's true name and character when it has been ascertained.
- 244. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Oasis Outsourcing Holdings, Inc. is a Florida corporation with its corporate headquarters located in West Palm Beach, Florida. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Oasis Outsourcing Holdings, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Oasis Outsourcing Inc. Employee Welfare Benefits Plan.

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245. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Oasis
Outsourcing Inc. Employee Welfare Benefits Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper
defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).

- 246. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Opticomp Corporation is a California corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Zephyr Cove, Nevada. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Opticomp Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator a self-funded ERISA plan, and is a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d). The Complaint will be amended to allege this ERISA plan's true name and character when it has been ascertained.
- 247. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Paychex, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Rochester, New York. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Paychex, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Paychex, Inc. Employee Health Benefits Plan.
- 248. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Paychex, Inc. Employee Health Benefits Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 249. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Pole to Win America, Inc. is a California corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Santa Clara, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Pole to Win America, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator a self-funded ERISA plan, and is a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d). The Complaint will be amended to allege this ERISA plan's true name and character when it has been ascertained.
- 250. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant PVH Corp. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in New York, New York. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that PVH Corp. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant PVH Corp. & Subsidiaries Health & Welfare Plan.

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251.	PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant PVH Corp. &
Subsidiaries	Health & Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant
pursuant to E	ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).

- PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Science Applications International Corporation is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in McLean, Virginia. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Science Applications International Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Science Applications International Corporation Welfare Benefits Trust and for Defendant SAIC Employee Health and Welfare Benefits Plan.
- 253. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Science Applications International Corporation Welfare Benefits Trust is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 254. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant SAIC Employee Health and Welfare Benefits Planis an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 255. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Semtech Corporation is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Camarillo, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Semtech Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Semtech Corp Group Medical and Dental Plan.
- 256. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Semtech Corp Group Medical and Dental Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 257. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant SPX Corporation is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Charlotte, North Carolina. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that SPX

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Corporation is a plan sponsor for Defendant SPX Corporation Comprehensive Medical Care Plan.

258. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Administrative Committee SPX Corporation is a plan administrator for Defendant SPX Corporation Comprehensive Medical Care Plan.

- 259. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant SPX Corporation Comprehensive Medical Care Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 260. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant R. Steven Peters, Inc. is a California corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Tustin, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that R. Steven Peters, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator a self-funded ERISA plan, and is a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d). The Complaint will be amended to allege this ERISA plan's true name and character when it has been ascertained.
- 261. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant TE Connectivity Networks, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Berwyn, Pennsylvania. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that TE Connectivity Networks, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator a self-funded ERISA plan, and is a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d). The Complaint will be amended to allege this ERISA plan's true name and character when it has been ascertained.
- 262. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Telenav, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Sunnyvale, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Telenav, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Telenav Health and Welfare Plan.

- 264. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Trident Microsystems, Inc. is a California corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Mountain View, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Natus Medical Incorporated is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Trident Microsystems, Inc. Health and Welfare Benefit Plan.
- 265. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Trident Microsystems, Inc. Health and Welfare Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 266. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant The Kleinfelder Group, Inc. is a California corporation with its corporate headquarters located in San Diego, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that The Kleinfelder Group, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant The Kleinfelder Group, Inc. Health and Welfare Plan.
- 267. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant The Kleinfelder Group, Inc. Health and Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 268. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Tolt LLC is a Delaware limited liability company with its corporate headquarters located in Charlotte, North Carolina. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Tolt LLC is a plan sponsor for Defendant Tolt Technologies Benefit Welfare Plan.
- 269. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Tolt Service Group is a plan administrator for Defendant Tolt Technologies Benefit Welfare Plan.
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270. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Tolt
Technologies Benefit Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant
pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).

- 271. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A., Inc. is a California corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Torrance, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A., Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for an ERISA plan entitled Group Insurance Medical Dental Plan.
- 272. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Tween Brands, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in New Albany, Ohio. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Tween Brands, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Tween Brands, Inc. Comprehensive Welfare Benefits Plan.
- 273. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Tween Brands, Inc. Comprehensive Welfare Benefits Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 274. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant UBS Financial Services Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Weehawken, New Jersey. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that UBS Financial Services Inc. is a plan sponsor for Defendant UBS Financial Services Inc. Group Health and Welfare Benefits Plan.
- 275. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Louis Dimaria, c/o UBS Financial Services Inc., is a plan administrator for Defendant UBS Financial Services Inc. Group Health and Welfare Benefits Plan.
- PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant UBS Financial Services Inc. Group Health and Welfare Benefits Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).

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277. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Unisource
Worldwide, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in
Norcross, Georgia. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Unisource
Worldwide, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for an ERISA plan entitled
Health and Welfare Benefits Plan for Salaried and Hourly Non-Union Employees.

- PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Vitesse Semiconductor Corporation is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Camarillo, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Vitesse Semiconductor Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator a self-funded ERISA plan, and is a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d). The Complaint will be amended to allege this ERISA plan's true name and character when it has been ascertained.
- 279. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant VWR International, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company with its corporate headquarters located in Radnor, Pennsylvania. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that VWR International, LLC is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant VWR International, LLC Welfare Benefit Plan.
- PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant VWR International, LLC Welfare Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 281. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant WPG Americas Inc. is a California corporation with its corporate headquarters located in San Jose, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that WPG Americas Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant WPG Americas Health and Welfare Plan.
- 282. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant WPG Americas Health and Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).

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283. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc. is a California corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Orlando, Florida. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc. – Medical Health Plan HMO and for Defendant Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc. Group Life Insurance.

- 284. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc. – Medical Health Plan HMO is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 285. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc. Group Life Insurance is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 286. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Al-Razaq Enterprises Group Incorporated is a Texas corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Houston, Texas. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Al-Razaq Enterprises Group Incorporated is a plan sponsor and plan administrator a self-funded ERISA plan, and is a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d). The Complaint will be amended to allege this ERISA plan's true name and character when it has been ascertained.
- 287. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Cordevalle, L.P. is a California limited partnership with its corporate headquarters located in San Martin, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Cordevalle, L.P. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Cordevalle Welfare Benefits Plan.
- PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Cordevalle Welfare Benefits Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).

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289. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant First American Financial Corporation is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Santa Ana, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that First American Financial Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant the First American Financial Corporation Group Life, Medical Dental, Disability Benefits Trust.

- 290. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant the First American Financial Corporation Group Life, Medical Dental, Disability Benefits Trust is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 291. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant K. R. Anderson, Inc. is a California corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Morgan Hill, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that K. R. Anderson, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant K.R. Anderson Group Welfare Plan.
- 292. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant K.R. Anderson Group Welfare Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 293. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant LVI Services Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Trumbull, Connecticut. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that LVI Services Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant LVI Services Inc. Health Benefit Plan.
- 294. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant LVI Services Inc. Health Benefit Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 295. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Praxair, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Dansbury,

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Connecticut. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Praxair, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Praxair Medical Plan.

296. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Praxair Medical Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).

297. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant SCI Management, LLC is a Minnesota limited liability company with its corporate headquarters located in Waite Park, Minnesota. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant SCI Management, LLC is a plan sponsor and plan administrator a self-funded ERISA plan, and is a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d). The Complaint will be amended to allege this ERISA plan's true name and character when it has been ascertained.

298. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Zetta, Inc., d/b/a/ Delaware Zetta, is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Sunnyvale, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Zetta, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator a self-funded ERISA plan, and is a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d). The Complaint will be amended to allege this ERISA plan's true name and character when it has been ascertained.

299. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Luminex Corporation is a Delaware corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Austin, Texas. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Luminex Corporation is a plan sponsor and plan administrator of a self-funded ERISA plan, and is a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d). The Complaint will be amended to allege this ERISA plan's true name and character when it has been ascertained.

300. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Hathaway Dinwiddie Construction Company is a California corporation with its corporate

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headquarters located in San Francisco, California. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Hathaway Dinwiddie Construction Company is a plan sponsor and plan administrator for Defendant Hathaway Dinwiddie Group Medical and Dental Plan.

- 301. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Hathaway Dinwiddie Group Medical and Dental Plan is an ERISA plan and a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).
- 302. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission is a part of the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, located in Fairfax, Virginia. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission is a plan sponsor and plan administrator a self-funded ERISA plan, and is a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d). The Complaint will be amended to allege this ERISA plan's true name and character when it has been ascertained.
- 303. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Farmers Insurance Company, Inc. is a Kansas corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Grand Rapids, Michigan. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Farmers Insurance Company, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator a selffunded ERISA plan, and is a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d). The Complaint will be amended to allege this ERISA plan's true name and character when it has been ascertained.
- 304. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant United States Department of Defense is an agency of the government of the United States of America, located in Washington, D.C. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that United States Department of Defense is a plan sponsor and plan administrator a selffunded ERISA plan, and is a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d). The Complaint will be amended to allege this ERISA plan's true name and character when it has been ascertained.

305. The employers who sponsor the ERISA Plans, the Administrators of the ERISA Plans, and the ERISA Plans will be referred to herein as the "ERISA Plan Defendants.

306. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Defendant Farmers Insurance Company, Inc. is a Kansas corporation with its corporate headquarters located in Grand Rapids, Michigan. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Farmers Insurance Company, Inc. is a plan sponsor and plan administrator a self-funded ERISA plan, and is a proper defendant pursuant to ERISA § 502(d), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d). The Complaint will be amended to allege this ERISA plan's true name and character when it has been ascertained.

D. DOE DEFENDANTS

307. The true names and capacities of the defendants sued herein as DOES are unknown to Plaintiffs at this time, and Plaintiffs therefore sue such defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that the DOES are those individuals, corporations and/or businesses or other entities that are also in some fashion legally responsible for the actions, events and circumstances complained of herein, were the agents, representatives, or employees of the other defendants, and may be financially responsible to Plaintiffs for the services they have provided, as alleged herein. The Complaint will be amended to allege the DOES' true names and capacities when they have been ascertained.

308. Aetna, the ERISA Plan Defendants and the DOES are collectively referred to herein as the "Defendants."

E. AGENCY

309. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Aetna has entered into administrative service agreements or other contracts with the ERISA Plan Defendants whereby Aetna has agreed to act as the agent of the ERISA Plan Defendants, and has actual or ostensible authority to act on their behalf for: providing plan documents to plan members; communicating with plan members and

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healthcare providers, such as PLAINTIFFS; verifying member benefits and
eligibility to providers, such as PLAINTIFFS; interpreting plan terms and
provisions; receiving PLAINTIFFS' claims; pricing PLAINTIFFS' claims;
processing and administering PLAINTIFFS' claims and appeals; approving or
denying PLAINTIFFS' claims and appeals; interpreting ERISA plan documents;
determining whether and how to pay PLAINTIFFS' claims; issuing remittance
advices, claim status reports and explanations of benefits; and making and
administering payments. With respect to every claim at issue in this case,
PLAINTIFFS dealt directly with Aetna, submitted the claims for reimbursement to
Aetna, communicated about the claims with Aetna, and in many cases received
payments from Aetna.

310. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that, as the appointed agents of the ERISA Plan Defendants, Aetna is in possession of all facts, information and data concerning and related to the authorization, processing, determination, pricing, payment, and appeals of all claims submitted by PLAINTIFFS with respect to the benefit plans.

F. ASSIGNMENT AND STANDING

- 311. As a condition of the provision of services by PLAINTIFFS, each patient signs an agreement assigning his or her health insurance benefits to PLAINTIFFS. Each assignment of benefits provides for PLAINTIFFS to be paid directly for the services provided to the patient.
- 312. PLAINTIFFS received an assignment of benefits for every claim at issue in this litigation. PLAINTIFFS' standard assignment of benefits reads as follows:

I, the undersigned, certify that I (or my dependent) have insurance with the above listed carriers, and assign directly to Bay Area Surgical Group, Inc. ("BASG") all insurance benefits, if any, otherwise payable to me for services

¹ Knowles Surgery Center, National Ambulatory Surgery Center, Los Altos Surgery Center and Forest Surgery Center have similar assignment of benefits.

rendered. I understand that I am financially responsible for all charges whether or not paid by the insurance carrier(s). I hereby authorize the doctor and facility to release all information necessary to secure payment of benefits. In addition, I understand that insurance payments made directly to the patient or subscriber for services provided by BASG must be reimbursed to BASG in the form of a check made payable to Bay Area Surgical Group. I authorize the use of this signature on all insurance submissions.

313. For every claim at issue in this litigation, Defendants acknowledged and consented to the assignment of benefits, and/or waived any objections to or limitations on the assignment of benefits and the members' right to assign the benefits, by, *inter alia*, receiving and processing PLAINTIFFS' claims, and making and administering payments directly to PLAINTIFFS on such claims.

314. PLAINTIFFS have standing to pursue the claims for relief in this Complaint as an assignee of the members' benefits under the plans, as a party who has suffered injury in fact and lost money and/or property as a result of the Defendants' conduct, and as a party who rendered services to the members with the knowledge of and at the request of the Defendants and was not appropriately compensated for the fair market value of those services.

315. In *Misic v. Building Services Employees Health & Welfare Trust*, 789 F.2d 1374, 1379 (9th Cir. 1986), the Ninth Circuit determined that a provider who is "an assignee of [ERISA plan] beneficiaries pursuant to assignments valid under ERISA, has standing to assert the claims of his assignors" against their health plan. Similarly, in *In re WellPoint, Inc. Out-of-Network "UCR" Rates Litigation*, 865 F. Supp. 2d 1002 (C.D. Cal. Aug. 11, 2011), the court emphasized that "[a] health care provider with an allegedly valid assignment [of benefits] has the same standing [as the beneficiary]' and may bring suit under ERISA." *Id.* at 1042 (quoting *Davidowitz v. Delta Dental Plan, Inc.*, 946 F.2d 1476, 1477 (9th Cir. 1991) (some alteration in original)).

II. GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

A. Services Provided by PLAINTIFFS to Defendants' Members and the Nature of the Plans

- 316. PLAINTIFFS are, and at all times relevant to this litigation, were operating ambulatory surgery centers ("ASCs") that provides medically necessary health care services related to medical and surgical procedures performed at their facilities. At all relevant times relevant to this litigation, PLAINTIFFS were not contracted with any of the Defendants, nor "participated" in any of their provider networks. Thus, PLAINTIFFS are what is known as a "non-contracted" or "out-of-network" provider with respect to Defendants.
- 317. At all relevant times herein, PLAINTIFFS have provided health care services to patients who, at the time PLAINTIFFS provided the services, were members of health benefit plans for which Aetna exercised administrative responsibilities (such patients shall hereinafter be referred to as "members").
- 318. Individuals and families that receive their health insurance through a private employer-sponsored health benefit plan are typically participants or beneficiaries of plans governed by the ERISA. Individuals and families who do not receive employer-sponsored health insurance often purchase health insurance policies directly from Aetna.
- 319. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that the health benefit plans at issue in this matter are governed by ERISA.
- 320. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that all of the ERISA Plan Defendants at issue permitted their members to obtain medical and surgical services at out-of-network providers, such as PLAINTIFFS.
- 321. On or about the time that PLAINTIFFS provided the health care services to each of the members, PLAINTIFFS obtained a written assignment of each member's benefits under the ERISA Plan Defendants.

B. Aetna's Role and Responsibilities With Respect To Claims

- 322. Aetna is one of the nation's largest health insurers. It underwrites and issues thousands of health insurance plans.
- 323. When individuals and families who do not receive employer-sponsored health insurance purchase health insurance policies directly from Aetna, Aetna typically has sole responsibility and discretion to administer and pay claims submitted under such policies.
- 324. Aetna also contracts with other entities that provide health benefit plans such as private employer-sponsored benefit plans, government-sponsored plans, welfare trusts and other sources in order to provide administrative services.
- 325. The administrative responsibilities assumed and exercised by Aetna include, but are not limited to, providing plan members with plan documents, providing access to a network of contracted providers, communicating with plan members and health care providers, such as PLAINTIFFS, interpreting and applying plan terms and provisions, making coverage and benefits decisions, processing and adjudicating benefit claims with respect to health care services provided by both contracted (*i.e.*, "in-network") and non-contracted (*i.e.*, "out-of-network") providers, pricing such benefit claims, making and administering payments with respect to such benefit claims, processing and adjudicating appeals of such benefit determinations, functioning as the plans' "Claims Administrator," functioning as the plans' "Plan Administrator," functioning as the Plan Administrator's "designee," functioning as the plans' de facto Plan Administrator, functioning as a co-Plan Administrator, and/or other administrative functions.
- 326. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that for the ERISA Plan Defendants, the plan typically will enter into an "administrative service agreement" with Aetna to perform certain administrative responsibilities, such as those set forth above. The administrative services agreements appoint Aetna as a Claims Administrator and a fiduciary, and delegate to Aetna authority, responsibility and

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discretion to administer claims and make final benefits decisions, based on claim procedures and standards that Aetna develops, and in accordance with the plan terms and conditions as interpreted by Aetna. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Aetna collects administrative services fees from the ERISA Plan Defendants for performing the administrative functions. PLAINTIFFS are also informed and believes that the ERISA Plan Defendants were fully aware that Aetna was supposed to interpret plan documents, authorize services, and price claims for reimbursement on their behalf.

327. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that with respect to certain the ERISA Plan Defendants, Aetna is designated not just as a Claims Administrator, but also as the Plan Administrator for ERISA purposes. With respect to those ERISA Plan Defendants that do not specifically designate a Plan Administrator for ERISA purposes, PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Aetna has functioned as the de facto Plan Administrator. With respect to those ERISA Plan Defendants, PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Aetna has functioned as the designee of the designated Plan Administrator and/or as the co-Plan Administrator. In each case, Aetna functions as a Plan Administrator insofar as it exercised a delegated authority to provide plan documents to participants, receive benefit claims, evaluate and process benefit claims, review and interpret the terms of the plan, make benefit determinations, make and administer benefit payments, adjudicate appeals of benefit determinations, and serve as the primary point of contact for members and providers to communicate regarding benefits and benefit determinations. In carrying out these Plan Administrator functions, Aetna possessed authority and fiduciary discretion to manage and administer the ERISA Plan Defendants, effectively controls the decision whether to honor or deny a claim, exercises authority over the resolution of benefit claims, and/or has responsibility to pay the claims.

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C. UCR Reimbursement To Out-Of-Network Ambulatory Surgery Centers

- 328. Under some health benefit plans, such as Health Maintenance Organizations ("HMOs"), member benefits are restricted to services provided by innetwork providers (except in emergency and other limited circumstances).
- 329. In contrast, many health benefit plans, such as Preferred Provider Organizations ("PPOs"), indemnity plans and others, permit their members to access health care providers who are outside the contracted network. Plans which offer coverage for such out-of-network services, including the services of ASCs, are marketed to prospective members as benefiting them with the freedom and flexibility to choose the health care provider of their choice, including out-of-network providers. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that these plans charge members a higher premium or contribution in exchange for this purported freedom of choice.
- 330. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that the ERISA Plan Defendants involved in this litigation typically provide that the member has the freedom to choose in-network or out-of-network providers, and that covered services provided by out-of-network providers will be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to the out-of-network benefit provisions of the plan. The ERISA Plan Defendants also typically provide that in-network providers have agreed to accept specifically negotiated, discounted rates for their services that out-of-network providers have not agreed to accept, and that the ERISA Plan Defendants provide certain incentives to the in-network providers.
- 331. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that the ERISA Plan

 Defendants also typically provide that outpatient surgical services performed at an

 ASC are eligible for coverage under the plans.
- 332. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that under each of the ERISA Plan Defendants at issue in this litigation that offer in-network and out-of-network

coverage, and pursuant to the administrative service agreements between Aetna and the other Defendants, Aetna provides access to its provider network to members of the plans.

- 333. Some ASCs have written contracts with Aetna, under which they agree to accept reimbursement amounts that are discounted from the ASC's total billed charges, in exchange for the benefits of being an in-network provider (also sometimes called a "contracted" or "participating" provider) for Aetna's network. These benefits typically include an increased volume of business, because the health benefit plans provide financial incentives to their members to utilize the services of in-network providers such as reduced co-insurance payments, annual deductibles and/or annual out-of-pocket maximums as well as incentives to the contracted providers.
- 334. Conversely, some ASCs, including PLAINTIFFS, do not have written contracts to be part of Aetna's network. They are out-of-network providers (also sometimes called "non-contracted" or "non-participating" providers). As a result, these ASCs receive a lesser volume of patients from the health benefit plans Aetna administers, but they are not required to accept the discounted in-network amounts for the services rendered to the plan members.
- 335. Whether the benefits claims are from out-of-network ASCs, such as PLAINTIFFS, or from in-network ASCs, the claims reflect the ASCs' actual billed charge for the claims. Even though in-network ASCs are typically reimbursed according to the discounted contract rates they negotiated to become part of the network, they still submit their full billed charges on the claim. This practice is industry standard for all providers, and reflects the well-established fact that charges are not the same as discounted in-network contract rates. Therefore, Aetna has for many years acquired a wealth of charge data from which it could price PLAINTIFFS' claims through a proper comparison of prevailing charges for similar

health care services by similar ASCs within the same geographical market at the

time.

336. Each year Aetna processes hundreds of claims submitted by
PLAINTIFFS for health care services that PLAINTIFFS provides to members
pursuant to the ERISA Plan Defendants and the assignments of benefits under those
ERISA Plan Defendants that PLAINTIFFS receive from the members.
PLAINTIFFS timely submitted numerous claims for payment to Aetna as a result of
services provided by PLAINTIFFS to the members. To date, Defendants have
reimbursed PLAINTIFFS for only a fraction of the amount due to PLAINTIFFS in
respect of the claims, despite many appeals and demands submitted to Defendants
by or on behalf of PLAINTIFES

337. At all relevant times, PLAINTIFFS submitted the appropriate claim forms for payment to Aetna. The claim forms include information such as the type of procedure, the coding for the procedure, the fact that PLAINTIFFS are an assignee of the member's benefits, and other information by which the claim can be processed and paid. The claim form also includes PLAINTIFFS' billed charges. These bills are submitted on industry standard forms, commonly known as Uniform Billing ("UB") forms. The "charge" amount that PLAINTIFFS submits on a reimbursement claim is the same regardless of whether the payor is an out-of-network payor, an in-network payor, a government payor, or a private payor. This also is industry standard.

338. PLAINTIFFS' billed charges are competitive with both other out-of-network ASCs and in-network ASCs in the same geographic region in which PLAINTIFFS provides services.

339. In accordance with the assignment of benefits, after processing PLAINTIFFS' claim, either Aetna or the ERISA Plan Defendants sends the reimbursement check and an accompanying EOB directly to PLAINTIFFS, thereby

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affirming the validity of the assignment of benefits and acknowledging PLAINTIFFS' status as the "beneficiary" and "claimant" for benefits.

- 340. In most instances, as an out-of-network provider of health care services, PLAINTIFFS submitted the claims to Aetna for pricing and payment according to a payment rate that in the industry and in plan documents is commonly referred to as the "Usual, Customary and Reasonable" rate, the "Reasonable and Customary" amount, the "Usual and Customary" amount, the "Reasonable Charge," the "Prevailing Rate," the "Usual Fee," the "Competitive Fee," or some other similar phrase that, in the context of the healthcare industry, and in the Defendants' own parlance, means essentially the same thing. The industry shorthand for these terms is "UCR."
- 341. For decades, commercial payors like Aetna have purported to reimburse for out-of-network services according to the UCR rate. The UCR amount is properly determined based on a review of the prevailing or competitive charges for similar health care services by similar types of providers within the same geographical area at the time. Reimbursement at the UCR rate has become so-well established and understood that some states, including California, now require certain health benefit plans to reimburse out-of-network services at rates using criteria that parallel the industry-standard for determining UCR. See, e.g., 28 C.C.R. § 1300.71(a)(3)(B) (referring to prevailing provider rates **charged** in the general geographic area in which the services were rendered).
- 342. Aetna, through the plan documents, marketing materials, insurance verification and eligibility materials, EOBs, appeal response letters, and other written and oral statements, represented to PLAINTIFFS, and to their members with out-of-network benefit coverage, that it would pay for out-of-network services in an amount that is the lower of either the provider's actual billed charge or the UCR amount.

343. For example, in some of its Benefit Plans, Aetna represents that it will pay out-of-network surgery center claims based upon a "Recognized Charge," which it defines as follows:

Recognized Charge

Only that part of a charge which is less than or equal to the recognized charge is a covered benefit. The recognized charge for a service or supply is the lowest of:

- The **provider's usual charge** for furnishing it; and
- The charge Aetna determines to be appropriate, based on factors such as the cost of providing the same or a similar service or supply and the manner in which charges for the service or supply are made, billed or coded; or
 - a) For non-facility charges: ...
- b) For facility charges: Aetna uses the charge Aetna determines to the usual charge level made for it in the geographic area where it is furnished. (Emphasis added.)
- 344. Therefore, Aetna's definition of a "Recognized Charge" is similar to the definition of UCR applied by the California Department of Managed Health Care *i.e.*, the rates **charged** by similar providers in the general geographic area in which the services were rendered.
- 345. PLAINTIFFS, however, are informed and believe that Aetna, on behalf of itself and the ERISA Plan Defendants has participated in the systematic underpricing and underpayment of PLAINTIFFS' claims, as well as in the systematic obfuscation, misrepresentation and concealment of that misconduct. Aetna has not, in fact, applied a proper UCR methodology to calculate the payments of PLAINTIFFS' claims, in that it has not priced PLAINTIFFS based upon the rates **charged** by similar providers in the general geographic area in which the services were rendered. On the contrary, Defendants have, in many cases, paid PLAINTIFFS vastly lower amounts than they paid for similar services to an affiliated out-of-network ASC in the same geographic area at during the same

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PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Aetna and the ERISA Plan Defendants know that Aetna's methodologies do not actually establish a UCR amount, and that, as a consequence, PLAINTIFFS are being systematically underpaid for its services. Nonetheless, rather than disclosing the true methodologies being used to calculate the benefit determinations and reimbursement payments for PLAINTIFFS' claims, the Defendants made misrepresentations – to PLAINTIFFS and to their own members – either that Aetna had accurately and appropriately calculated the amount owed to PLAINTIFFS pursuant to the UCR standard, when in fact Aetna did not calculate the payment to PLAINTIFFS based on a comparison of what other similar healthcare providers in the geographic region charge.

D. **Example Claims**

For example, the following examples demonstrate how Aetna and the ERISA Plan Defendants repeatedly used misrepresentations, omissions, misleading statements and other efforts to conceal its true methods for pricing PLAINTIFFS' claims:

348. Patient A²--Defendant Applied Materials, Inc. Welfare Plan

a) Patient A is a beneficiary under the Applied Materials, Inc. Welfare Plan. Patient A came to Knowles Surgery Center for a surgical procedure on June 11, 2012. Prior to the procedure, Knowles Surgery Center obtained an assignment

The names of the patients set forth herein as examples have been changed to confidentiality. PLAINTIFFS will disclose patient identity information to

letters, and the dates of service limited to the month of service, to preserve patient Defendants on an as-needed basis and pursuant to a protective order.

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of benefits from Patient A, as well as an authorization to appeal Aetna's benefit determination as Patient A's designated representative. Following its regular business practice, Knowles Surgery Center contacted Aetna to verify Patient A's eligibility and out-of-network benefits, which, on information and belief, provided for payment of out-of-network benefits for Patient A at 70% after any applicable deductibles and up to any annual out-of-pocket maximum). Aetna verified Patient A's eligibility and benefits. Thereafter, in reasonable reliance on this eligibility and benefit verification, Knowles Surgery Center provided its services to Patient A. PLAINTIFFS billed Aetna in a timely manner, and the total charges for PLAINTIFFS' services were \$25,000.

b) In the EOB that Aetna sent to PLAINTIFFS dated July 6, 2012, Aetna stated that the "Amount Allowed" was only \$9,807, and, after further applying a patient deductible and the out-of-network benefit level, Aetna paid only \$6,864.90 for the claim. The amounts Aetna allowed and paid on the claim were not reasonable. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that the Applied Materials, Inc. Welfare Plan includes a definition of UCR that is similar the definition of UCR used by Aetna is its Benefit Plans, which is based on the providers' usual charges in the geographic area where the services are provided. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Aetna's calculation of the allowed amount was not based on the definition of UCR in the Applied Materials, Inc. Welfare Plan. Instead, Aetna created its own methodology for calculating UCR which is not based on the Applied Materials, Inc. Welfare Plan. The EOB Aetna provided to PLAINTIFFS for this claim stated: "The member's plan provides benefits for covered expenses at a reasonable charge. The reasonable charge for this service is determined by Global Claim Services for Aetna. The amount indicated represents the difference between the submitted amount and the reasonable charge." The EOB does not refer to the specific provision in the Applied Materials, Inc. Welfare Plan on which Aetna (or Global Claim Services) calculated the payment to PLAINTIFFS, as Aetna is

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required to do under the ERISA regulations. 29 C.F.R. § 2560-503-1. Thus, Aetna
misrepresented that the reimbursement amount for Patient A was calculated based
on UCR, as defined in the ERISA plan, when in fact Aetna knew that the
reimbursement was calculated using a methodology that does not reflect UCR, as
defined in the ERISA plan.

c) Knowles Surgery Center timely appealed the claim reimbursement. On December 18, 2012, Aetna responded in a letter to PLAINTIFFS stating:

The basis for this determination is that this member's benefit plan provides reimbursement for out-of-network services based upon a reasonable or recognized charge.

For outpatient facility claims of \$1,000 or more, Aetna's Global Claims Services (GCS) reviews hospital or facility charges to determine the financial reasonableness and appropriateness of charges. The process used to calculate the reasonable or recognized charges for outpatient hospital expenses includes licensed commercial data, which allows plan sponsor selection of the percentile used as reasonable or recognized. The database is geographically specific, as it is based on the zip code regions determined by CMS (Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services) Services).

These representations were false in that Aetna did not properly apply a UCR methodology to price this claim. The claim was not based on the complexity of the service, the range of services provided, or the most frequent charge level in the provider's location and in other areas having similar medical experience. Aetna refused to reprocess the claim and pay a reasonable amount for the services consistent with Applied Material, Inc.'s Welfare Plan.

- 349. Patient B—Defendant Broadcom Corporation Welfare Plan
- a) Patient B is a beneficiary under the Broadcom Corporation Welfare Plan. Patient B came to Knowles Surgery Center for a surgical procedure on May 3, 2012. Prior to the procedure, Knowles Surgery Center obtained an assignment of benefits from Patient B, as well as an authorization to appeal Aetna's benefit determination as Patient B's designated representative. Following its regular business practice, Knowles Surgery Center contacted Aetna to verify Patient B's

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PLAINTIFFS' services were \$42,964.

eligibility and out-of-network benefits, which, on information and belief, provided
for payment of out-of-network benefits for Patient B at 80% (after any applicable
deductibles and up to any annual out-of-pocket maximum). Aetna verified Patient
B's eligibility and benefits. Thereafter, in reasonable reliance on this eligibility and
benefit verification, Knowles Surgery Center provided its services to Patient B.
PLAINTIFFS billed Aetna in a timely manner, and the total charges for

b) In the EOB that Aetna sent to PLAINTIFFS dated June 8, 2012, Aetna stated that the "Amount Allowed" was only \$20,120, and, after further applying a patient deductible and the out-of-network benefit level, Aetna paid only \$19,089.19 for the claim. The amounts Aetna allowed and paid on the claim were not reasonable. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that the Broadcom Corporation Welfare Plan includes a definition of UCR that is similar the definition of UCR used by Aetna is its Benefit Plans, which is based on the providers' usual charges in the geographic area where the services are provided. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Aetna's calculation of the allowed amount was not based on the definition of UCR in the Broadcom Corporation Welfare Plan. Instead, Aetna created its own methodology for calculating UCR which is not based on the Broadcom Corporation Welfare Plan. The EOB Aetna provided to PLAINTIFFS for this claim stated: "The member's plan provides benefits for covered expenses at a reasonable charge. The reasonable charge for this service is determined by Global Claim Services for Aetna. The amount indicated represents the difference between the submitted amount and the reasonable charge." The EOB does not refer to the specific provision in the Broadcom Corporation Welfare Plan on which Aetna (or Global Claim Services) calculated the payment to PLAINTIFFS, as Aetna is required to do under the ERISA regulations. 29 C.F.R. § 2560-503-1. Thus, Aetna misrepresented that the reimbursement amount for Patient A was calculated based on UCR, as defined in the ERISA plan, when in fact Aetna knew that the

reimbursement was calculated using a methodology that does not reflect UCR, as defined in the ERISA plan.

c) Knowles Surgery Center timely appealed the claim reimbursement. On November 30, 2012, Aetna responded in a letter to PLAINTIFFS stating:

The basis for this determination is [Patient B's] benefit plan covers out-of-network charges that are Usual, Customary, and Reasonable (UCR).

. . .

For outpatient facility claims of \$1,000 or more (such as those at issue in this matter), Aetna's Global Claims Services group determines the prevailing charge level for the service using the MarketScan database licensed from Thomson Medstat. This database consists of charges submitted by outpatient facilities to commercial payors and sorted into geographic areas using Core-Based Statistical Areas; the charges are then arrayed into percentiles according to the procedure code and the Core-Based Statistical Area.

These representations were false in that Aetna did not properly apply a UCR methodology to price this claim. The claim was not based on the complexity of the service, the range of services provided, or the most frequent charge level in the provider's location and in other areas having similar medical experience. Aetna refused to reprocess the claim and pay a reasonable amount for the services consistent with the Broadcom Corporation Welfare Plan.

- 350. Patient C—Defendant SAP America Health & Welfare Plan
- a) Patient C is a beneficiary under the SAP America Health & Welfare Plan. Patient C came to Los Altos Surgery Center for a surgical procedure on September 26, 2012. Prior to the procedure, Los Altos Surgery Center obtained an assignment of benefits from Patient C, as well as an authorization to appeal Aetna's benefit determination as Patient C's designated representative. Following its regular business practice, Los Altos Surgery Center contacted Aetna to verify Patient C's eligibility and out-of-network benefits, which, on information and belief, provided for payment of out-of-network benefits for Patient C at 70% (after any applicable deductibles and up to any annual out-of-pocket maximum). Aetna

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verified Patient C's eligibility and benefits. Thereafter, in reasonable reliance on this eligibility and benefit verification, Los Altos Surgery Center provided its services to Patient C. PLAINTIFFS billed Aetna in a timely manner, and the total charges for PLAINTIFFS' services were \$151,072.

In the EOB that Aetna sent to PLAINTIFFS dated December 21,

2012, Aetna stated that the "Amount Allowed" was only \$41,829.50, and Aetna paid only this amount for the claim. The amounts Aetna allowed and paid on the claim were not reasonable. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that the SAP America Health & Welfare Plan includes a definition of UCR that is similar the definition of UCR used by Aetna is its Benefit Plans, which is based on the providers' usual charges in the geographic area where the services are provided. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Aetna's calculation of the allowed amount was not based on the definition of UCR in the SAP America Health & Welfare Plan. Instead, Aetna created its own methodology for calculating UCR which is not based on the SAP America Health & Welfare Plan. The EOB Aetna provided to PLAINTIFFS for this claim stated: "The member's plan provides benefits for covered expenses at a reasonable charge. The reasonable charge for this service is determined by Global Claim Services for Aetna. The amount indicated represents the difference between the submitted amount and the reasonable charge." The EOB does not refer to the specific provision in the SAP America Health & Welfare Plan on which Aetna (or Global Claim Services) calculated the payment to PLAINTIFFS, as Aetna is required to do under the ERISA regulations. 29 C.F.R. § 2560-503-1. Thus, Aetna misrepresented that the reimbursement amount for Patient A was calculated based on UCR, as defined in the ERISA plan, when in fact Aetna knew that the reimbursement was calculated using a methodology that does not reflect UCR, as defined in the ERISA plan.

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c) Los Altos Surgery Center timely appealed the claim reimbursement. On May 16, 2013, Aetna responded in a letter to PLAINTIFFS stating:

The patient's plan provides reimbursement for out-of-network services based upon a reasonable or recognized charge. For outpatient facility claims of \$1,000 or more, Aetna's Global Claims Services (GCS) reviews hospital or facility charges to determine the financial reasonableness and appropriateness of charges.

The process used to calculate the reasonable or recognized charges for outpatient hospital expenses includes licensed commercial data, which allows plan sponsor selection of the percentile used as reasonable or recognized. The database is geographically specific, as it is based on the zip code regions determined by CMS (Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services).

These representations were false in that Aetna did not properly apply a UCR methodology to price this claim. The claim was not based on the complexity of the service, the range of services provided, or the most frequent charge level in the provider's location and in other areas having similar medical experience. Aetna refused to reprocess the claim and pay a reasonable amount for the services consistent with the SAP America Health & Welfare Plan.

- 351. Patient D—Defendant Bausch & Lomb Comprehensive Medical Plan
- a) Patient D is a beneficiary under the Bausch & Lomb

 Comprehensive Medical Plan. Patient D came to SOAR Surgery Center for a
 surgical procedure on December 17, 2012. Prior to the procedure, SOAR Surgery

 Center obtained an assignment of benefits from Patient D, as well as an
 authorization to appeal Aetna's benefit determination as Patient D's designated
 representative. Following its regular business practice, SOAR Surgery Center
 contacted Aetna to verify Patient D's eligibility and out-of-network benefits, which,
 on information and belief, provided for payment of out-of-network benefits for
 Patient D at 90% (after any applicable deductibles and up to any annual out-ofpocket maximum). Aetna verified Patient D's eligibility and benefits. Thereafter,
 in reasonable reliance on this eligibility and benefit verification, SOAR Surgery

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Center provided its services to Patient D. PLAINTIFFS billed Aetna in a timely manner, and the total charges for PLAINTIFFS' services were \$10,596. In the EOB that Aetna sent to PLAINTIFFS dated February 13, **b**)

- 2013, Aetna stated that the "Amount Allowed" was only \$5,644, and, after further applying a patient deductible and the out-of-network benefit level, Aetna paid only \$5,079.60 for the claim. The amounts Aetna allowed and paid on the claim were not reasonable. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that the Bausch & Lomb Comprehensive Medical Plan includes a definition of UCR that is similar the definition of UCR used by Aetna is its Benefit Plans, which is based on the providers' usual charges in the geographic area where the services are provided. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Aetna's calculation of the allowed amount was not based on the definition of UCR in the Bausch & Lomb Comprehensive Medical Plan. Instead, Aetna created its own methodology for calculating UCR which is not based on the Bausch & Lomb Comprehensive Medical Plan. The EOB Aetna provided to PLAINTIFFS for this claim stated: "The member's plan provides benefits for covered expenses at a reasonable charge. The reasonable charge for this service is determined by Global Claim Services for Aetna. The amount indicated represents the difference between the submitted amount and the reasonable charge." The EOB does not refer to the specific provision in the Bausch & Lomb Comprehensive Medical Plan on which Aetna (or Global Claim Services) calculated the payment to PLAINTIFFS, as Aetna is required to do under the ERISA regulations. 29 C.F.R. § 2560-503-1. Thus, Aetna misrepresented that the reimbursement amount for Patient A was calculated based on UCR, as defined in the ERISA plan, when in fact Aetna knew that the reimbursement was calculated using a methodology that does not reflect UCR, as defined in the ERISA plan.
- SOAR Surgery Center timely appealed the claim reimbursement. On August 7, 2013, Aetna responded in a letter to PLAINTIFFS stating that it was upholding its previous determination.

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352. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Aetna has engaged in the same practice with respect to all the other Defendants in this action. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that all of the Benefit Plans at issue in this action have provisions which mandate that out-of-network payments to non-contracted providers, such as PLAINTIFFS, be based on a UCR definition which requires Aetna and the other Defendants to calculate payment based on a comparison of PLAINTIFFS' charges to the charges of other similar providers for similar services in the same geographic area as PLAINTIFFS. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Aetna and the other Defendants did not calculate the payments to PLAINTIFFS based upon the definitions in the ERISA Plans as required by the ERISA regulations, 29 C.F.R. § 2560-503-1, but instead used a methodology created by Global Claim Services which is not based upon the ERISA plans and does not calculate UCR based on a comparison of PLAINTIFFS' charges to the charges of other similar providers for similar services in the same geographic area as PLAINTIFFS. Accordingly, in violation of ERISA, Aetna and the other Defendants have failed to apply the provisions and requirements of the ERISA Plans in paying PLAINTIFFS' claims, and have failed to appropriately and fairly compensate PLAINTIFFS for the medically necessary services PLAINTIFFS provided to Defendants' members. A complete list of all the patient claims at issue will be provided to Defendants.

E. The Harm Caused To PLAINTIFFS

PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that, and thereon alleges, that all of its claims which were underpaid involve health benefit plans in which out-ofnetwork benefits for ASCs are intended to be paid in accordance with the UCR standard set forth in the ERISA Plans. It is an abuse of their discretion and fiduciary duties for Defendants to calculate out-of-network benefits according to a methodology which (a) is not based on the ERISA Plans and (b) does not adequately

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compare PLAINTIFFS' charges with charges of similarly-situated providers in the same geographic area at the time.

- 354. By using flawed and inappropriate methodologies to price and pay PLAINTIFFS' out-of-network, the Defendants have systematically and drastically underpriced and underpaid PLAINTIFFS for its services. The current amount owed by Aetna to PLAINTIFFS is approximately \$26,873,616.82, plus interest.
- 355. Moreover, Aetna intentionally misled PLAINTIFFS to believe that benefits were reimbursed in accordance with the UCR standard set forth in the ERISA Plans. As alleged above, when PLAINTIFFS contacted Aetna to verify outof-network benefits, Aetna routinely led PLAINTIFFS to believe that benefits were available at a UCR rate set forth in the ERISA Plans. Yet the Defendants rarely paid PLAINTIFFS' claims at the represented percentage of UCR, and instead improperly reimbursed PLAINTIFFS' claims based on one or more arbitrary, capricious, and improper methodologies such as those set forth above.
- 356. Furthermore, the EOBs, appeal response letters, and other communications from Aetna represented that benefits were in fact determined based on the UCR rate. At no point did Aetna adequately disclose its true pricing methodologies, which do not satisfy the UCR standard or the provisions in the ERISA Plans.
- PLAINTIFFS suffers direct harm by incurring expenses to provide the services, and then is forced into the position of incurring further expenses seeking corrected reimbursements from Defendants and having to attempt to collect amounts from members that the members justifiably believe should be covered by their health benefit plans. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that the members also reasonably expected that their health benefit plans, which purport to give them the freedom to choose out-of-network providers, would properly calculate and pay outof-network benefits according to UCR. PLAINTIFFS often is unable to collect balances from the members, thereby having to take a loss for its services.

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PLAINTIFFS also suffers a loss on the costs of supplies, space, equipment, etc., that PLAINTIFFS expends to provide the services to Defendants' members.

- 358. By falsely representing that the members are liable for amounts that the members in fact do not owe under the terms of their health benefit plans, and by forcing PLAINTIFFS to pursue improper amounts from the members, Defendants' illegal and improper actions also have harmed the relationships that PLAINTIFFS has with its patients, making it difficult for PLAINTIFFS to continue to operate its business.
- PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that through the wrongful conduct set forth above, Defendants intentionally seek to ruin PLAINTIFFS' ability to compete outside Aetna's "network," and seek to force PLAINTIFFS into accepting low in-network rates and/or agreeing to oppressive contract terms.
- 360. As a further result of the Defendants' wrongful business practices, PLAINTIFFS are harmed by having to expend significant time and resources in trying to appeal Defendants' underpayments.
- 361. As fiduciaries and administrators of Health Plans, the Defendants occupied and continue to occupy a position of trust, by which they must accurately represent the terms and conditions of the plans, must disclose all material facts concerning how plan benefits are priced and determined, and must act in the interest of the plan and the plan's beneficiaries. Nonetheless, the Defendants either knew or recklessly disregarded the fact that the misrepresentations, omissions, misleading statements and concealments described above were material, and that PLAINTIFFS, as well as the Defendants' members, would and did detrimentally rely on such misrepresentations, omissions, misleading statements and concealments when deciding to provide services, and during the claims adjudication and appeal process.
- 362. PLAINTIFFS' business and property has been injured as a proximate result of the Defendants' conduct, in that PLAINTIFFS provided services to members as a result of the Defendants' misrepresentations, omissions and

concealments about out-of-network benefits, and PLAINTIFFS has been underpaid approximately \$26,873,616.82, plus interest, for the services rendered to members in justifiable reliance on the communications they received from the Defendants concerning pricing and payment of out-of-network benefits.

F. <u>Defendants' Practices Unfairly Shift the Burden of Payment to the</u> Patients

- 363. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that the members of the ERISA Plan Defendants typically pay higher premiums to have the option to obtain the services of out-of-network providers than they would pay if their options were limited to in-network providers (except in emergency circumstances and other limited exceptions).
- 364. Defendants' failure to appropriately and fairly compensate PLAINTIFFS for its out-of-network claims has not only injured PLAINTIFFS, it has also injured the members *i.e.*, the patients who have obtained, and want to obtain, services from PLAINTIFFS by exposing them to significant liability. In underpricing PLAINTIFFS' claims, Defendants have represented, in EOBs and other documents, that the members are liable to PLAINTIFFS for amounts that should have been covered *i.e.*, the amount of the claim not paid but that Defendants should have paid if they used an appropriate methodology to calculate UCR. By systematically underpricing PLAINTIFFS' claims, Aetna and the other Defendants are illegally transferring liability to the members for amounts that should be covered by Defendants if the claims were priced and paid according to the UCR standard and a proper UCR methodology.
- 365. Moreover, the members are further injured because the plans regularly call for the members to meet certain specified annual out-of-pocket expenditure thresholds typically called an annual deductible and an annual out-of-pocket maximum in order to receive benefits or increased benefit levels under the plans. However, any amounts that the members must pay to out-of-network providers

because those amounts are above the allowable UCR amounts as determined by

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2 Aetna typically do not count toward these threshold expenditures. Thus, by underpricing PLAINTIFFS' claims using inappropriate UCR methods, the 3 4 Defendants effectively force the members to pay far larger out-of-pocket costs than 5 the members' plans require. The result is underpayment of PLAINTIFFS' claims by Defendants, greater liability for the members with respect to PLAINTIFFS' claims, 6 7 and potential greater liability for the members with respect to future claims by 8 PLAINTIFFS or another provider whose services the member engages. The 9 combined effect is a gross distortion of the out-of-network benefit provisions set 10 forth in the plans, and the practical evisceration of the freedom to choose out-ofnetwork providers that the plans promise to their members – rights for which 11 12 members pay increased premiums. 13 G. PLAINTIFFS' Claims Are Deemed Exhausted And Further

G. PLAINTIFFS' Claims Are Deemed Exhausted And Further Appeals Would Be Futile.

366. PLAINTIFFS timely appealed all of the underpaid claims at issue in this case. With respect to every appeal, Aetna refused to apply the provisions of the ERISA Plans, continued to rely on the determination by Global Services as to what is UCR, and failed to pay PLAINTIFFS a reasonable amount for its services. Therefore, further appeals on the claims would be futile. In light of the Aetna's long-standing, repeated and systematic refusal to provide anything more than a cursory and false and/or misleading explanation concerning its true methods for calculating reimbursement of PLAINTIFFS' claims, given Aetna's ongoing and continued use of flawed and inappropriate methodologies to underpay claims in a manner that fails to comply with the terms of the ERISA Plans and its own representations, and considering Aetna's repeated and systematic efforts to misrepresent and conceal its methodologies and the fact that it did not reimburse PLAINTIFFS' claims in accordance with the UCR standard, further exhaustion of

- 367. Moreover, PLAINTIFFS are deemed to have exhausted all administrative remedies available to it because Aetna and the ERISA Plan Defendants failed to establish and follow reasonable claims procedures or a full and meaningful review and appeal process, as required by ERISA. Aetna and the ERISA Plans have routinely failed to process claims submitted by PLAINTIFFS in a manner consistent or substantially in compliance with ERISA regulations. *See* 29 C.F.R. § 2560.503-1. Among other things, Aetna and the ERISA Plans:
 - (a) failed to notify PLAINTIFFS of benefit determinations and review determinations within the required amount of time after receipt of the claim or appeal;
 - (b) failed to provide the specific reason or reasons for their benefit determinations or review determinations, including information concerning the flawed and inappropriate methods used for pricing PLAINTIFFS' out-of-network claims, and frequently provided inconsistent and conflicting explanations for the same benefit determinations;
 - (c) failed to make reference to the specific plan provisions on which their benefit determinations or review determinations were based;
 - (d) made materially false and misleading statements concerning their methods for determining reimbursement amounts, and refused to disclose the true internal rules, guidelines, protocols and criteria that were relied upon in making the benefit and review determinations;
 - (e) failed to provide PLAINTIFFS with a sufficient description of the ERISA Plans' review procedures;
 - (f) failed to provide review of appeals that did not afford deference to the initial benefit determination, and which was conducted by an appropriate named fiduciary of the plan who is independent of the person who made the initial benefit determination;
 - denied PLAINTIFFS the right to appeal benefit determinations and/or employed policies designed to unduly obstruct, hamper, and delay the appeal of claims submitted by PLAINTIFFS, including, but not limited to, systematic reliance on inappropriate data, refusal to acknowledge provider appeals as appeals, requiring more than two levels of appeal, and characterizing required levels of appeal as discretionary or voluntary; and

- 368. Instead of complying with the ERISA regulations, Defendants continue to refuse to apply the provisions of the ERISA Plans dealing with UCR calculations, continue to rely on Global Health Services' inappropriate methodologies and data for calculating UCR, and fail to provide review of appeals that did not afford deference to the initial benefit determination.
- 369. ERISA requires that Defendants have a benefit determination and claim appeal process that provides a full, meaningful, and independent review, and that affords plan beneficiaries and claimants broad rights to accurate, timely and substantive information regarding the reasons, rules, methodologies, terms, provisions and interpretations that underlie the benefit determinations. Defendants' false and/or misleading statements, acts of concealment and failures to disclose were knowing and intentional, and had the design and effect of preventing a full and meaningful evaluation and review of the grounds for initial benefit determinations and benefit determinations on review. Defendants' failure to provide a full and fair review of PLAINTIFFS' claims and appeals rarely results in any additional payment. The appeals are therefore rendered futile due to the Defendants' systematic misrepresentations, omissions and misleading statements intended to conceal the true methods that Aetna uses to price PLAINTIFFS' claims.

H. Aetna's Conflict of Interest

- 370. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that Aetna had numerous motivations to create excuses to delay and ultimately deny PLAINTIFFS' claims. As a result, Aetna's actions were tainted by an actual conflict of interest.
- 371. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that a primary motivation that Aetna had for underpaying PLAINTIFFS' claims is that Aetna is substantially compensated by the Plans for doing so. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believed

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that when Aetna is paid a commission by the Plans based upon the amount of money
the Plans "save" by not having to pay Plaintiffs. PLAINTIFFS are informed and
believed that Aetna is compensated at a specific percentage of the money that
Defendants would otherwise have had to pay to PLAINTIFFS, had Aetna correctly
paid PLAINTIFFS' claims. This provided a major incentive for Aetna to find ways
to underpay PLAINTIFFS' claims.

- 372. Aetna's receipt of kickbacks and/or commissions for denying Plaintiffs' claims is a clear and willful violation of California Health & Safety Code § 1399.56 and/or Insurance Code § 796.02, which provide that claims reviewers may not be compensated on the basis of (a) a percentage of the amount by which a claim is reduced for payment; or (b) the number of claims or the cost of services that were denied and not paid.
- 373. Likewise, Aetna's receipt of kickbacks and/or commissions is an egregious instance of self-dealing and a breach of fiduciary duties it owes to the beneficiaries and participants of the ERISA plans. Aetna's behavior violates, at a minimum, 29 U.S.C. § 1106(b)(2), which states that "A fiduciary with respect to a plan shall not—(1) deal with the assets of the plan in his own interest or for his own account "

Failure to Provide Requested Documents I.

- 374. 29 U.S.C. § 1024(b) requires Defendants to produce the "summery plan description . . . or other instruments under which the plan is established or operated."
- The documents sought by plaintiffs fall within the ambit of this section. As this Court, and the Ninth Circuit, have noted:

The relevant documents are those documents that provide individual participants with information about the plan and benefits. As the legislative history bears out, the documents contemplated by § 104(b)(4) are those that allow "the individual participant [to] know[]

exactly where he stands with respect to the plan - what benefits he may
be entitled to, what circumstances may preclude him from obtaining
benefits, what procedures he must follow to obtain benefits, and who
are the persons to whom the management and investment of his plan
funds have been entrusted. S. Rep. No. 127, 93 rd Cong., 2d Sess.
(1974), reprinted in 1974 U.S.C.C.A.N. 4838, 4863.

Eden Surgical Center v. Budco Group, Inc., No. CV-09-3991 AHM (Ex), 2010 WL 2180360, at *6 (May 27, 2010) (citing Hughes Salaried Retirees Action Committee v. Administrator of Hughes Non-Bargaining Retirement Plan, 72 F.3d 686, 690 (9th Cir. 1995)).

- 376. 29 C.F.R. § 2560-503-1(h) provides in pertinent part:
- (h) Appeal of adverse benefit determinations
- (1) In general. Every employee benefit plan shall establish and maintain a procedure by which a claimant shall have a reasonable opportunity to appeal an adverse benefit determination to an appropriate named fiduciary of the plan, and under which there will be a full and fair review of the claim and the adverse benefit determination.
- (2) Full and fair review. Except as provided in paragraphs (h)(3) and (h)(4) of this section, the claims procedures of a plan will not be deemed to provide a claimant with a reasonable opportunity for a full and fair review of a claim and adverse benefit determination unless the claims procedures ...
- (iii) Provide that a claimant shall be provided, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and **copies of, all documents, records, and other information relevant to the claimant's claim for benefits**. Whether a document, record, or other information is relevant to a claim for benefits shall be determined by reference to paragraph (m)(8) of this section; ... (Emphasis added.)
- 377. In appealing the claims at issue in this case, PLAINTIFFS explicitly requested that Defendants produce all the documents they are required to produce under the ERISA statute and regulations. Every appeal letter included the following language:
 - ... we hereby specifically request from you, this plan administrator or

appropriate named fiduciary, any copies of the plan documents under which this plan is operated and upon which the above captioned claim denial is based, procedures, formulas, methodologies, guidelines, schedules, protocols, and other guidelines; all documents which the plan reviewed or could have reviewed in denying this claim; consultant or service provider reports and **the entire claim file** pertinent to this claim denial, **including but not limited to** ...

- 1. Identification of the Plan Administrator ..
- 2. Identification of Appropriate Named Fiduciaries ...
- 5. Complete copy of Summary Plan Description (SPD) of this plan (not just selected pages), please specify reference to the pertinent plan provisions on which the denial is based and clarify if this SPD provided upon this request is final and complete controlling and governing plan document:
- 6. AND If SPD is not final and complete controlling and governing plan document for this plan, please provide a complete copy of your controlling and governing legal documents for this plan, with specific provisions and limitations of coverage, assignment and ERISA rights, including but not limited to any official copy of Medical Plan Document, Master Copy of Group Insurance Policy, Group Insurance Certificates and Riders, *upon which this plan is maintained and operated, and your denial decisions are based.* ...
- 10. Publications, database and schedules used to determine your Usual, Customary and Reasonable charges in accordance with DOL Advisory Opinion 96-14A. ...
- 17. Complete copy of any past and current contracts between employee benefit plan and third party administrator (TPA) ...
- 378. In Advisory Opinion 96-14A, the United States Department of Labor stated that if the Plan document does not include the schedule of "usual and customary" fees,

"it is the view of the Department of Labor that, for purposes of section 104(b)(2) and 104(b)(4), any document or instrument that specifies procedures, formulas, methodologies, or schedules to be applied in determining or calculating an participant's or beneficiary's benefit entitlement under an employee benefit plan would constitute an instrument under which the plan is established or operated, regardless of whether such information is contained in a document designated as the 'plan document." ... Thus, it appears that the schedule of 'usual and customary' fees described in your letter would be required to be disclosed to participants and beneficiaries in accordance with section 104(b)(2) and 104(b)(4) of ERISA."

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379. Defendants failed to provide the requested documents to PLAINTIFFS. For example:

- In most instances, Defendants failed to provide a copy of the SPD or ERISA Plan. a)
- In every instance, Defendants failed to provide copies of b) procedures, formulas, methodologies, or schedules applied by Aetna or Global Claims Services in determining UCR amounts.
- In every instance, Defendants failed to provide copies of contracts between Aetna and the ERISA Plan Defendants. c)
- Section 502(c)(1) of ERISA imposes a fine of up to \$110 per day upon a plan administrator who "fails or refuses to comply with a request for any information which such administrator is required by this subchapter to furnish to a participant or beneficiary." 29 U.S.C. §§ 1132(c)(1); see also id. § 1133, 29 C.F.R. §§ 2650.503-1, 2575.512c-3.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Enforcement Under 29 U.S.C. § 1132(a)(1)(B) For Failure To Pay ERISA Plan Benefits (Against All Defendants)

- The allegations of the prior paragraphs of this Complaint are hereby repeated as if fully set forth herein.
- This cause of action is alleged by PLAINTIFFS for relief in connection with claims for treatment rendered to members of a ERISA Plans. This cause of action seeks to recover benefits, enforce rights and clarify rights to benefits under 29 U.S.C. § 1132(a)(1)(B). PLAINTIFFS has standing to pursue these claims as assignee of the members' benefits under the ERISA Plans. As the assignee of benefits under the ERISA Plans, PLAINTIFFS are a "beneficiary" entitled to collect benefits under the terms of the ERISA Plans, and is the "claimant" for purposes of the ERISA statute and regulations.
- 383. ERISA authorizes actions under 29 U.S.C. § 1132(a)(1)(B) to be brought against the ERISA Plans as entities, against the ERISA Plans' administrators, and against other appropriate entities. PLAINTIFFS are informed

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and believe that each of the ERISA Plan Defendants identified as an "ERISA plan" earlier in this Third Amended Complaint are all ERISA Plans. Therefore, these entities are proper defendants for this claim.

384. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that, with respect to each of the ERISA Plan Defendants at issue in this, Aetna effectively controls the decision whether to honor or to deny a claim under the plan, exercises authority over the resolution of benefit claims, and/or has responsibility to pay the claims. Therefore, Aetna is a proper defendant for this claim. Aetna also plays a role as the *de facto* plan administrator for such plans. Aetna functioned as plan administrators insofar as it has, among other things, provided plan documents to participants, received benefit claims, evaluated and processed those claims, reviewed and interpreted the terms of the plan, made initial benefit determinations, made and administered benefit payments, handled appeals of benefit determinations, and served as the primary point of contact for members and providers to communicate regarding benefits and benefit determinations.

385. At all relevant times, PLAINTIFFS was entitled to reimbursement under the ERISA Plans in accordance with the UCR standard on each of the claims at issue in this litigation. Aetna and the ERISA Plan Defendants breached the ERISA Plans' benefits provisions by underpricing and underpaying PLAINTIFFS for the out-of-network services provided by PLAINTIFFS to the members and covered under the ERISA Plans, and due to PLAINTIFFS as the assignee of the members' out-of-network benefits. As set forth more fully above, the breaches included failing to pay out-of-network benefits under the plan pursuant to the UCR standard. The breaches also included, among other things, interpreting and implementing the ERISA Plan terms in a way that systematically was arbitrary and capricious, making material misrepresentations regarding the manner in which outof-network benefits are priced, making false representations that PLAINTIFFS' outof-network claims were paid based upon a comparison of PLAINTIFFS' charges

with amounts charged by similar providers for similar services or supplies, using
improper methodologies to miscalculate the UCR rate, systematically reducing
benefits paid to PLAINTIFFS for its out-of-network services, and failing to provide
a benefit determination and appeal process that provides for a full and meaningful
review of benefit claims and determinations.

386. By reason of the foregoing, PLAINTIFFS are entitled to past due benefits, future benefits, declaratory relief, prejudgment interest, and attorneys' fees. The Court should specifically declare that PLAINTIFFS are entitled to have Aetna and the ERISA Plan Defendants:

- (a) compile a valid database of charges by PLAINTIFFS and other similar providers in the same geographic area (the distance that could reasonably be considered appropriate for a member to travel in the same area);
- (b) calculate PLAINTIFFS' past and future benefits pursuant to a valid database that takes into account valid data and, in accordance with the UCR standard, the rates charged by PLAINTIFFS and other similar providers for similar services in the same geographic area at the time;
- (c) determine the UCR rate for PLAINTIFFS' out-of-network services without reference to discounted contract rates applicable to in-network providers;
- (d) determine the UCR rate for PLAINTIFFS' out-of-network services without reference to Medicare rates or schedules;
- determine the UCR rate for PLAINTIFFS' out-of-network services without reference to the California OMFS fee schedule, other rates used for workers' compensation claims, or any other state-imposed fee schedule;
- (f) pay the correct UCR amounts to PLAINTIFFS for past benefit claims that were underpaid;
- (g) pay future PLAINTIFFS benefit claims using an appropriate methodology for determining UCR rates;
- (h) issue new EOBs for past benefit claims, and correct EOBs for future benefit claims, that are in compliance with applicable regulatory notice standards;
- (i) implement benefit claims and appeal processes that provide a full, meaningful and independent review of benefit determinations, and that are consistent and substantially in compliance with ERISA regulations and the terms of the ERISA

Plans; and

(j) cease and desist from employing policies and procedures designed to deny or to unduly obstruct, hamper, and delay PLAINTIFFS' right to appeal the benefit determinations as to its submitted claims.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Enforcement Under 29 U.S.C. § 1132(a)(2) For Breach of Fiduciary Duty (Against All Defendants)

387. The allegations of the prior paragraphs of this Complaint are hereby repeated as if fully set forth herein.

388. This cause of action is alleged by PLAINTIFFS on behalf of all ERISA plan members who received out-of-network services from PLAINTIFFS, and on behalf of the ERISA plans themselves. This is a claim pursuant to ERISA § 502(a)(2), 29 U.S.C. §1132(a)(2), which authorizes ERISA beneficiaries to bring a suit for appropriate relief under 29 U.S.C. § 1109. Section 29 U.S.C. § 1109 provides:

Any person who is a fiduciary with respect to a plan who breaches any of the responsibilities, obligations, or duties imposed upon fiduciaries by this subchapter shall be personally liable to make good to such plan any losses to the plan resulting from each such breach, and to restore to such plan any profits of such fiduciary which have been made through use of assets of the plan by the fiduciary, and shall be subject to such other equitable or remedial relief as the court may deem appropriate, including removal of such fiduciary.

389. PLAINTIFFS have standing to pursue this claim as assignee of the members' benefits under the ERISA plans. As the assignee of benefits under the ERISA Plans, PLAINTIFFS step into the shoes of the "beneficiary" and are also the "claimants" for purposes of the ERISA statute and regulations.

390. Aetna and each of the ERISA Plan Defendants served as a fiduciary for the ERISA plans at issue. As fiduciaries, Aetna and the ERISA Plan Defendants

- 391. Defendants willfully and systematically breached their fiduciary duties of loyalty and prudence by failing to provide benefits and make payments in accordance with the ERISA Plan language and requirements. Defendants willfully and systematically breached their fiduciary duties by failing to provide a meaningful appeal process and comply with the ERISA regulations in administering claims and appeals.
- 392. The ERISA Plan Defendants breached their fiduciary duties by continuing to delegate their duties to administer the plans to Aetna even when it became apparent that Aetna was not qualified to do so, and in fact had failed to correctly apply the ERISA Plan language and manage the respective ERISA Plans for the benefit of plan participants and beneficiaries. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe that the ERISA Plan Defendants engaged in little or no oversight of Aetna to ensure that Aetna's actions complied with the ERISA Plan language and the requirements of the ERISA statute and regulations.
- 393. Aetna breached its fiduciary duties by failing to comply with the ERISA Plans and ERISA regulations in pricing and paying PLAINTIFFS' claims or in handling PLAINTIFFS' appeals. Aetna further breached its fiduciary duties by delegating its duties as the Plan Administrator and/or Claims Administrator for each plan to an unqualified third party, Global Claims Services. Global Claims Services was not qualified to interpret the ERISA Plan documents or price PLAINTIFFS' claims pursuant to those plans, and Aetna's reason for delegating such claims to Global Claims Services was for the purpose of underpaying PLAINTIFFS' claims and to avoid complying with Aetna's fiduciary duties towards plan participants and beneficiaries.

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395. Also pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §1105, the ERISA Plan Defendants are liable for the breach of their co-fiduciaries, Aetna, because they were aware, or should have been aware, of the breaches being committed by Aetna, yet made no reasonable efforts under the circumstances to remedy the breaches, and in some instances, participated knowingly in, or knowingly undertook to conceal, the improper acts or omissions of Aetna, knowing those acts or omissions were breaches of fiduciary duty.

396. In light of all Defendants' systematic and willful violations of their fiduciary duties to plan beneficiaries and participants, PLAINTIFFS, as assignee of the members' benefits, on behalf of the members of the ERISA Plans, and on behalf of the ERISA Plans themselves, seek an injunction to remove Aetna from acting as the Plan Administrator and/or Claims Administrator for each of the ERISA plans at issue; or, in the alternative, to compel the ERISA Plan Defendants and Aetna to honor the terms of the plans, and to cease committing willful and systematic breaches of their fiduciary duties.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(By Plaintiffs against all Defendants for Production of Documents Under 29 U.S.C. §§ 1024(b), 1104, and 1133(2), and for Statutory Penalties Under 29 U.S.C. § 1132(c)(1))

- 397. The allegations of the prior paragraphs of this Complaint are hereby repeated as if fully set forth herein.
- 398. 29 U.S.C. § 1024(b) requires Defendants to produce the "summery plan description . . . or other instruments under which the plan is established or operated."

399. 29 C.F.R. § 2560-503-1(h) provides requires Defendants to produce
"upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents
records, and other information relevant to the claimant's claim for benefits."

- 400. As set forth above, in appealing the claims at issue in this case, PLAINTIFFS explicitly requested that Defendants produce all the documents they are required to produce under the ERISA statute and regulations. In particular, PLAINTIFFS requested copies of the ERISA Plans, all documents Defendants used to calculate UCR, and copies of contracts between Aetna and the ERISA Plan Defendants.
- 401. Defendants failed to provide the requested documents to PLAINTIFFS. For example:
- a. In most instances, Defendants failed to provide a copy of the SPD or ERISA Plan.
- b. In every instance, Defendants failed to provide copies of procedures, formulas, methodologies, or schedules applied by Aetna or Global Claims Services in determining UCR amounts.
- c. In every instance, Defendants failed to provide copies of contracts between Aetna and the ERISA Plan Defendants.
- 402. Section 502(c)(1) of ERISA imposes a fine of up to \$110 per day upon a plan administrator who "fails or refuses to comply with a request for any information which such administrator is required by this subchapter to furnish to a participant or beneficiary." 29 U.S.C. §§ 1132(c)(1); see also id. § 1133, 29 C.F.R. §§ 2650.503-1, 2575.512c-3.
- 403. Accordingly, PLAINTIFFS request that Defendants produce the requested documents and the Court impose a fine of up to \$110 per day for each day Defendants have failed to provide the requested documents.

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FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Declaratory and Injunctive Relief Under 29 U.S.C. § 1132(a) (Against All Defendants)

- 404. The allegations of the prior paragraphs of this Complaint are hereby repeated as if fully set forth herein.
 - 405. ERISA's civil enforcement provision provides:
 - A civil action may be brought—
 - (1) by a participant or beneficiary—
 - (A) for the relief provided for in subsection (c) of this section, or
 - (B) to recover benefits due to him under the terms of his plan, to enforce his rights under the terms of the plan, or **to clarify his rights to future benefits under the terms of the plan**;
 - (3) by a participant, beneficiary, or fiduciary
 - (A) to enjoin any act or practice which violates any provision of this subchapter or the terms of the plan, or
 - (B) to obtain other appropriate equitable relief
 - (i) to redress such violations or
 - (ii) to enforce any provisions of this subchapter or the terms of the plan;
- 29 USC § 1132(a) (emphasis added).
- 406. ERISA requires a denial of benefits to be accompanied by "adequate notice in writing" including "the specific reasons for such denial." 29 U.S.C. § 1133(1).
- 407. In addition, employee benefit plans must provide participants and beneficiaries with "full and fair review by the appropriate named fiduciary of the decision denying the claim." 29 U.S.C. § 1133(2).
- 408. The ERISA regulations require plans to "maintain reasonable procedures governing ... notification of benefit determinations, and appeals of adverse benefit determinations." 29 C.F.R. § 2560.503-1(b).

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- 409. When a plan makes an adverse benefit determination, the ERISA regulations require the plan administrator to provide written or electronic notification "in a manner calculated to be understood by the claimant" and to include the following information:
 - (i) The specific reason or reasons for the adverse determination;
 - (ii) Reference to the specific plan provisions on which the determination is based;
 - (iii) A description of any additional material or information necessary for the claimant to perfect the claim and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary;
 - (iv) A description of the plan's review procedures and the time limits applicable to such procedures, including a statement of the claimant's right to bring a civil action under section 502(a) of the Act following an adverse benefit determination on review;
 - (v) In the case of an adverse benefit determination by a group health plan or a plan providing disability benefits,
 - (A) If an internal rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion was relied upon in making the adverse determination, either the specific rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion; or a statement that such a rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion was relied upon in making the adverse determination and that a copy of such rule, guideline, protocol, or other criterion will be provided free of charge to the claimant upon request; or
 - (B) If the adverse benefit determination is based on a medical necessity or experimental treatment or similar exclusion or limit, either an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the determination, applying the terms of the plan to the claimant's medical circumstances, or a statement that such explanation will be provided free of charge upon request.
 - (vi) In the case of an adverse benefit determination by a group health plan concerning a claim involving urgent care, a description of the expedited review process applicable to such claims.
- 29 C.F.R. § 2560.503-1(g).
- 410. The ERISA regulations also require "at least 60 days" after notification "within which to appeal the determination." 29 C.F.R. § 2560.503-1(h).
- The ERISA Plan Defendants and Aetna have violated the ERISA statute and regulations in that they have made adverse benefit determinations

without complying with these standards. The ERISA Plan Defendants and Aetna

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2	have made adverse benefit determinations – in the form of denying claims for
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4	from PLAINTIFFS – (a) without providing "adequate notice in writing" including
5	"the specific reasons for such denial," 29 U.S.C. § 1133(1), (b) without providing
6	"(i) [t]he specific reason or reasons for the adverse determination, (ii) [r]eference to
7	the specific plan provisions on which the determination is based, (iii) [a] description
8	of any additional material or information necessary for the claimant to perfect the
9	claim and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary," or any
10	of the other requirements of 29 C.F.R. § 2560.503-1(g), and (c) without providing
11	PLAINTIFFS "at least 60 days" after notification "within which to appeal the
12	determination." 29 C.F.R. § 2560.503-1(h).
13	412. PLAINTIFFS seek a declaration by the Court clarifying their rights

- under ERISA and the ERISA regulations, and that Defendants have violated the ERISA statutes and regulations in issuing adverse benefit determinations to PLAINTIFFS' claims.
- 413. PLAINTIFFS seek an injunction by the Court enjoining Defendants from violating the ERISA statutes and regulations in issuing adverse benefit determinations to PLAINTIFFS' claims.

FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(By All Plaintiffs for Unfair Business Practices in Violation of California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200 et seq.)

- 414. The allegations of the prior paragraphs of this Complaint are hereby repeated as if fully set forth herein.
- 415. PLAINTIFFS assert this cause of action in their own independent right, and not based upon the Assignment of Benefits Plaintiffs received from their patients.

- a. using arbitrary, capricious and improper methods to improperly underpay Plaintiffs' claims;
- b. receiving kickbacks and/or commissions for underpaying PLAINTIFFS' claims in violation of California Health & Safety Code § 1399.56 and/or Insurance Code § 796.02, which provide that claims reviewers may not be compensated on the basis of (a) a percentage of the amount by which a claim is reduced for payment; or (b) the number of claims or the cost of services that were denied and not paid; and
- c. engaging in unfair payment patterns;
- d. misrepresenting to PLAINTIFFS the actual methods used to calculate payment of the claims; and
- e. selling PPO insurance to its members but usual unfair and illegal actions and tactics designed to prevent its members from obtaining care at out-of-network providers and benefitting from their PPO insurance.
- 417. This conduct by Defendants constitutes illegal and unfair business practices under California Business and Professions Code § 17200, *et seq*. As a result of their acts of unfair competition, Defendants have and continue to receive and retain monies that rightfully belong to PLAINTIFFS as compensation for rendering covered, medically necessary services to the plan members.
- 418. PLAINTIFFS have thus suffered injury in fact because they have been denied the payment to which they are legally entitled for the medically necessary services provided to Defendants' members.
- 419. Defendants' unfair competition is likely to continue absent judicial intervention. This conduct threatens not only PLAINTIFFS' economic well being and future viability, but also the health of the public and the needs of California residents who have Aetna PPO policies.

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420. California Business and Professions Code § 17203 provides that any
court of competent jurisdiction may enjoin any person from engaging in unfair
competition and restore to any person who is a victim of that unfair competition any
money acquired thereby. PLAINTIFFS seek restitution of an amount to be proved
at trial, plus applicable statutory interest, which is the amount that the Defendants
are obligated to pay PLAINTIFFS for the services it provided to plan members.
PLAINTIFFS further seek an injunction prohibiting the Defendants' ongoing
conduct in using the inappropriate methodologies to deny or underpay
PLAINTIFFS' claims for medical treatment provided to plan members.
Furthermore, the injunction should force the Defendants to correctly price past and
future claims by PLAINTIFFS by determining UCR based on appropriate UCR data
and methodologies, and to prevent Aetna from taking any actions designed to
dissuade their members from using the out-of-network benefits in their PPO
policies.

421. PLAINTIFFS' legal remedies are inadequate in that the Defendants' unfair, unlawful and fraudulent conduct is ongoing and repeated litigation to correct its ongoing actions is inefficient for the parties and the Court. PLAINTIFFS' damages cannot be compensated in terms of money and are difficult or impossible to ascertain in terms of monetary damages. Defendants' conduct alleged in this Complaint are continuing and will continue unless restrained by this Court.

WHEREFORE, PLAINTIFFS prays for and demands judgment against the Defendants as set forth above and as follows:

- 1. For a declaration that PLAINTIFFS are entitled to have Aetna and the ERISA Plans calculate UCR based on the ERISA and Aetna Plan documents:
 - 2. For damages in the amount of \$26,873,616.82.
 - 3. For interest at the applicable legal rate.

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4. For attorneys' fees.

5. For such other relief as the Court deems just and proper

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